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On October 27th, 1971, the following-named persons were drawn for Jury Service by Mr. Gerald J. Lannan, Chairman.

Jurors Drawn.

1. Richard T. McAndrew, 44 Boston Rd. For Cambridge Superior Court.
2. Homer C. St. Pierre, 258 Groton Rd. " " " "

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Octob er 27th, 1971; 7:30 PM.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Newspaper reporters were present as follows:
1. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun, who arrived at 7:15 PM.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, who arrived at 7:28 PM.
3. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, who arrived at 7:35 P.M.
   Mr. Harrington departed at 10:30 P.M. and Mrs. Kierce and Mrs. Dempsey departed at time of adjournment at 11:05 P.M.

Reporters present.

It was decided to forward an inquiry to Mr. Arthur R. MacKinnon, Chairman of the Flood Relief Board, to inquire as to the extent of funds available under the provisions of Chap. 684, Acts of 1968, now that new legislation had recently passed to reimburse municipalities for construction of permanent bridges, and to determine if the state has ample funds to reimburse the town for Crystal Lake Restoration work, so that the board members may have definite information for the Special Town Meeting.

Inquiry to be sent to Flood Relief Board to ask about available funds for Crystal Lake Restoration.

On the request of Mr. Doody, a letter will be sent to Mr. Franklin D. R. May of 32 Sheppard Lane, to explain the procedures followed to date, and to offer suggestions, for procedures he should follow to determine if tax abatements can be granted.

Letter to be sent to applicant for abatement.

At 7:30 P.M. the board met with Mr. Elisardo Calvo and Mrs. Patricia Bartlett, of the Chelmsford Citizens for Participation Politics, regarding their request to proclaim a certain date for Voting Registrations. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to proclaim Monday, November 1st, 1971 as Voters Registration Day in Chelmsford. Mrs. Bartlett explained that a concerted effort will be made to register new voters, and they plan to advertise, and offer transportation service to the Center Town Hall, and that arrangements for the Nov. 1st date had been worked out with the Town Clerk. Then the proclamation was signed and photographers were present to take pictures.

Selectmen proclaim Nov. 1st as Voters Registration Day.

Mr. Lannan then introduced Mr. John R. Clark, Emergency Employment Project Director, to the board members. Mr. Lannan stated that the hiring of personnel had commenced in several towns, and that a meeting had been held in Boston on Oct. 26th, 1971 and he and Mr. Clark had attended. He stated that also it was expected that all positions would be filled by Dec. 1, 1971. Then the discussion centered around the types of job titles for the Consortium of fourteen towns and the hiring procedures. Mr. Clark at the conclusion of the conference, expressed his appreciation to the board members for their help and

Emergency Employment Project Director meets with Selectmen.

It was decided to request the Police Chief to have officers on duty after Center Town Hall closes each business day, check the premises from time to time, due to numerous acts of vandalism at this property, and to have officers enter the building late at night to extinguish any lights that may have been left burning.

Police Dept. requested to inspect Center Town Hall premises periodically

Conference held with Town Counsel regarding Agreements for Use of Lowell Incinerator, Dredging of brook, Settlement of Claim for Damages to Police Cruiser, and status of School Dept. Court Case.

Then a conference was held with the Town Counsel, Atty. Clement McCarthy, who reported on various items of legal business, described as follows:

1. Agreement with the City of Lowell for use of the Lowell Incinerator by the Town of Chelmsford, was signed by all board members.
2. Agreement with Capitolina Avila regarding the need for dredging and cleaning out of brook near Pilgrim Road. Mr. McCarthy explained certain aspects of the agreement and he suggested that he confer with the Town Engineer, before release of the document. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Lannan, Chairman to sign the agreement, provided the Town Engineer concurs with the conditions of the agreement; after which Mr. Lannan was instructed to inform the Highway Dept. to proceed immediately with the work.
3. Settlement of a claim against an insurance company for damages to a Police Dept. Cruiser. Mr. McCarthy reported that full settlement had been obtained. Then Mr. Doody moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Lannan, Chairman, to sign the agreement.
4. Suit of Several Taxpayers against the Town, to restore certain funds in the School Department Budget for 1971. Mr. McCarthy reported that the suit may be withdrawn, but a final determination will not be known for a few days, and when the subject is disposed of, it may be by consent decree.

Town Counsel authorized to study case of possible zoning violations.

A letter was received from the Building Inspector regarding various Zoning questions, and possible violations, at the property of Wilfred Pare at 114 Forham Street, and he recommended that the subject be forwarded to the Town Counsel. It was agreed that this should be done, and the board unanimously approved this action, and that the Town Counsel should be requested to study the complete case.

Minues accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approved and accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held Oct. 18th, 1971, with the understanding that a correction should be entered on Page 299, Par. 3, Line 26, so that sentence will read "that the Consortium of fourteen towns did authorize Mr. Lannan and Mr. Joseph Hannon to nominate name of a suitable candidate for appointment as Emergency Employment Project Director.

Meeting schedule for November adopted.

The meeting schedule for November 1971 was adopted as follows: Regular meetings will be scheduled for Nov. 1st, Nov. 10th, Nov. 15th, Nov. 22nd, Nov. 29th, 1971 and a Special Meeting on Nov. 3rd, 1971 to work on 1972 Budget requests.

Special Town Meeting Adjournment dates suggested.

It was decided to inform the Moderator and the Finance Committee that the Selectmen will recommend that, if necessary, the dates of adjournment for the Special Town Meeting, will be on Tuesday, Nov. 9th, and Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

Suggestions made re: seating of spectators at Special Town Meeting.

An inquiry was received from the Moderator, Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., in which he asked for suggestions from the Selectmen regarding the seating of spectators at the coming Special Town Meeting. The board discussed this subject and decided that the spectators should be assembled at certain location(s) and when the meeting is about to commence, they be directed to a particular seating location, if space is available; otherwise they cannot be accomodated. It was also suggested that speakers who are not registered voters, should be seated in a special section.

State Representative terminates monthly meetings with the board.

A letter was received from Rep. Bruce N. Freeman, in which he stated he would not be able to meet with the board this evening, to discuss legislation which might affect the town. Mr. Freeman also stated that he was now discontinuing the monthly information meetings which were commenced sometime ago, since the legislature was now reaching an end to its business, and that future inquiries could be handled via correspondence, but in the event of an emergency, he would be most willing to meet with the board. Mr. Lannan stated that much has been accomplished and it had been beneficial to the Selectmen and the townspeople. Mr. Doody expressed disappointment. Mr. Humphrey stated that he was dismayed at the attitude of the Representative and he had felt that the meetings constituted a milestone and were of value to the board. He stated further that the losers are the voters of The Town of Chelmsford, and he could not agree with the decision reached by Mr. Freeman. Mr. Hart stated that the meetings had been informative and interesting and valuable. Mr. Hart continued by emphasizing that this is a giant step backward and said he was especially disappointed as he had been the member who initally suggested that the meetings be conducted. Mr. Markham stated he had hoped much would be accomplished in these meetings. Then Mr. Humphrey moved, seconded by Mr. Doody, that a letter should be sent to the state Representative that the board considered this an affront to discontinue the meetings; that we, as Selectmen, can bear it, but the townspeople are the losers; and that this had been an avenue of communication for the voters to learn of important bills and legislation before the House and Senate, and that this valuable service is now lost due to the action of Representative Freeman, and this is certainly a giant step backward. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen express disappointment in termination of monthly meetings with state Representative.

Street Acceptance Plans were received as follows:

1. For Stuart Road, from Alpha Development Corporation,
2. For Berkeley Drive, from the Town Engineer, at request of the Selectmen.
3. For Dawn Drive, from Cadet Corporation,
4. For Cove Street Extension, from Cadet Corporation.

Street Acceptance Plans received.

A letter was received from the Police Chief in which he expressed approval of the state DPW plan to install mileage markers on state routed highways.

Police Chief concurs with plan to install mileage markers.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt a petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 1 Joint Pole Location Abandonment on Billerica Road, C-1081, dated 10/8/71, for service to Mr. Frederick Hildreth. No hearing was required, and the petition was signed by all members.

Pole Location Abandonment Petition adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing for Pole Petition No. C-1124, for two locations on Billerica Road.

Pole Location Hearing Authorized.

The Selectmen approved the use of the Center Town Hall as follows:

1. For Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen, Lower Room, on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1971 from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for Monthly muster.
2. For Project for Concerts for Young People, Front Street Floor Vestibule, for Saturday, Oct. 30th, 1971, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon for sale of tickets.

Use of Center Town Hall Approved.

A request was received from Mr. Joseph Oullette of 12 C Street, in which he asked that "Dead End Street" signs be installed at Glen Avenue and B St. and Glen Avenue and C St. so that motorists would not attempt to drive full length of these streets, and then be obliged to turn around on properties of private owners. Mr. Doody suggested that this subject be sent to the Police Dept. for study and recommendation. Mr. Humphrey inquired if both streets had been accepted by the town.

Request received that "Dead End Street" signs be installed.

A letter was received from Atty. Edward H. London in which he asked that the board consider the enlargement of the scope of the Weekday Entertainment License for Hong & Kong Restaurant, Inc. to cover use of a juke box and to allow dancing on the premises. The present license covers the item of recorded music only. It was decided to invite Mr. London and representatives of the company to meet with the board on Monday, Nov. 15th, 1971 at 8:00 P.M. at which time the subject could be discussed and explained in detail.

Hong & Kong Restaurant requests changes in their Weekday Entertainment License.

The board then decided to make plans to discuss the appointment of a Labor Relations Advisor on Monday evening, Nov. 15th, 1971, and they further agreed that no more applications will be received after Nov. 5th, 1971. Mr. Humphrey, moved, and Mr. Hart seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously to make these plans and to establish the cut-off date for receipt of applications.

Appointment of a Labor Relations Advisor to be considered on Nov.15t

A report was received from the Mass. Housing Finance Agency and Mr. Lannan suggested that it be forwarded to the Housing Authority. Mr. Humphrey explained that this matter would not be a subject for the local authority. Mr. Humphrey then asked to borrow the report for reading.

State Housing Report rec'd.

Member appointed to Industrial Development Commission.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission in which he recommended that Mr. Harold R. Higgins be appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Devlin. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Harold R. Higgins of 4 Flint Street as a member of the Industrial Development Commission, (Term to expire: 3/1973.) The board also requested that Mr. Walker, Chairman, be notified of the appointment.

Letter rec'd. re; Fence & Tree Problem at North Town Hall.

A letter was received from Messrs. Clifford Halligan and Raymond McKeon to ask if the Selectmen would assist in solving a fence and tree problem which exists along the boundary of the North Town Hall and their property. It was decided to forward the subject along to the School Committee, inasmuch as the School Dept. now has authorization to use the North Town Hall for school department business.

Report rec'd. re: work being done on Proctor Road.

A report was received from the Acting Supt. of Streets relating to work done and planned on Proctor Road and Tuttle Road. Mr. Hart stated he would now report to the person who had made an inquiry about this work to inform him of the statement from the Highway Dept. Mr. Lannan also agreed to confer orally with the Town Engineer to discuss the advisability of a land taking at this location.

Bldg. Insp. requested to take legal steps to prohibit further business use at 157 North Road.

Several letters were received from the Bldg. Insp. and the board acted on them as follows:

1. Copy of a notice to owner of property at 157 North Road to cease use of the property as a business location. It was suggested that immediate legal action is needed. Then, on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to instruct the Bldg. Insp. to have the Town Counsel take immediate steps to obtain an injunction or restraining order against the owner, as the matter had been allowed to continue for too long a time.

Board discusses need for new By-Law to control Yard or Barn Sales.

2. The board then discussed the subject of the continuing and numerous Yard and Barn Sales that have taken place in town and public officials have tried to cooperate, but some homeowners have them every few weeks, and such use in residential areas are illegal. Mr. Lannan stated that the board should formulate some plan for future control. Mr. Humphrey stated that a certain few are abusing the privilege, but charitable organizations should receive certain considerations, and those persons who engage in this practice most often, should be restricted. Mr. Lannan stated that a by-law is needed and it should contain a provision that a special permit should be obtained from the Selectmen or the Building Inspector. Mr. Doody stated that controls are now needed. It was finally decided to have the Bldg. Insp. make certain suggestions for the preparation of such a by-law.

Bldg. Insp. requested to take legal steps to remove hazardous building.

3. Letter from the Bldg. Insp. suggesting that the subject of removal of a building in hazardous condition, of the Lion's Den, at 141 North Road, now be referred to the Town Counsel. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to instruct the Bldg. Insp. to consult with the Town Counsel in order to have the building removed.

Bldg. Insp. to inspect old building.

4. Letter from the Bldg. Insp. stating he will soon inspect the building at property of Mrs. Carrie Hartman, North Road, which has been reported to be in hazardous condition.

Bldg. Insp. requested to investigate illegal use of property for selling of merchandise.

Mr. Hart requested that the Bldg. Inspector be instructed to consult with the owners of property of Edward I. Deibert, of 134 Boston Road, (Formerly Woodhead Property) where sales of merchandise have been taking place, and that the use may well be a zoning violation. He cited the traffic hazards, and he asked that the Bldg. Insp. take suitable action to enforce the zoning code.

Licenses for Lum's to be delayed.

It was decided that the Bldg. Insp. should be informed that no licenses will be issued to Lum's (Klav Corp.) until a report is received from him that all town regulations and by-laws have been complied with and an occupancy permit has been issued.

Street Light survey scheduled.

It was decided to try and make a street light survey on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 1971.

Applications received.

Applications were received for appointment as a Labor Relations Advisor from William J. Carr of 28 State St., Boston, and Allan W. Drachman of 185 Devonshire St, Boston, and both were placed on file.

The board read a letter from the Building Inspector in which he offered a report about the present condition of the Grossman Property. Mr. Doody spoke about the reasons for his initial inquiry concerning this subject stating that information had been received that the property might be used as a Learning Center, in connection with the Drug Program, and would be sponsered by Share. He stated that he was most concerned about certain aspects of this proposal, and he cited four reasons for this concern:

1. Is the building structurally sound? 2. What is the specific program proposed? 3. Is the program one the townspeople and the people in the area would want? and 4. How is the Town of Wilmington facility being operated?

He stated further that the town should make a decision on this subject and more program details are needed. He stated that he favored the plan but questioned the manner in which it was being established; without informing the Selectmen and townspeople. He suggested that a conference be planned in the very near future in order to receive more details with Dr. Paul Strudler, Mr. Douglas Murray, Atty. Norman Moray and Rev. James Low. and Chief Robert E. Germann. Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Markham all concurred with Mr. Doody's suggestion. Mr. Markham stated he felt the neighbors might like to know the details. Then Mr. Lannan suggested that the conference be held on Monday, Nov. 1st, 1971 at 7:30 P.M.

Discussion follows regarding use of Middlesex Street Property for Learning Center relating to Drug Program

Mr. Lannan then gave a report of his conversations with members of the the B E E & R Realty Trust. Mr. Lannan reported that the Realtt Trust members had informed him that they had not heard from the East Chelmsford Water District Commissioners for a long period of time; perhaps as long as two years, and Mr. Lannan felt the Commissioners should now contact the Realty Company members. Mr. Lannan also stated that new business projects are planned for this area along Progress Avenue, and that perhaps the dead-end water line could now be extended and if so, relief might come to residents of McFarlin Road who have experienced serious water quality problems. The suggestion was made that a letter be sent to the Commissioners to ask that they negotiate with the Realty Company. Mr. Doody stated he felt it might be best for the Selectmen to attend. Mr. Lannan suggested that the two parties meet alone for the first session, and if further sessions are needed to work out an agreement, then the Selectmen might attend to assist. Mr. Humphrey asked that when the date is set the Selectmen be invited to be present as the board is most interested to help. Mr. Hart stated that he would like to see the board sit in at the meetings as an interested party. Mr. Markham asked that the Water Commissioners be informed of the conference already held between Mr. Lannan and members of the Realty Trust. Then Mr. Lannan offered to work on the matter by first determining a date convenient for all the parties and then the drafting of a suitable letter to them.

Discussion held regarding need for setting up conference between East Chelmsford Water Dist. Commissioners and Realty Trust Members to overcome water problem on McFarlin Road.

It was then reported that the Acting Police Chief, Armand Roussel, had died of injuries sustained in the performance of his duties in Nashua, N. H. The board directed that a letter of condolence and sympathy be forward to the Officials of the City of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Letter of sympathy to be sent.

Mr. Doody then reported that he had conferred with the Supt. of Schools regarding the further serving of Donald J. Butler as a member of the Drug Abuse Study Committee, as the representative from the Police Dept. Mr. Doody explained that the School Dept. did recommend that Mr. Butler not serve in the future to represent the School Dept. but the suggestion was made that he continue on this committee as an Alternate Member for Mr. James M. Geary, Jr., School Dept. Representative. The Selectmen approved this change. Then the board considered the recommendation of the Police Chief submitted earlier that Mr. B. Jay Finnegan be appointed as the Police Dept. Representative on the Drug Abuse Study Committee. Mr. Doody moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that B. Jay Finnegan of 138 Westford Street, be named as a member of the Drug Abuse Study Committee. (Term to expire: 3/1972.) A unanimous vote followed.

Changes approved and voted relating to membership to Drug Abuse Study Committee.

State Senator to be invited to meet with the board to discuss legislation.

Mr. Humphrey then offered a proposal that an invitation be extended to Sen. Ronald C. MacKenzie to meet with the Selectmen periodically to discuss legislative matters of mutual interest now that the board had learned that such meetings had been terminated with Rep. Freeman. Then, on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to forward a letter of inquiry to the Senator to see if he would be willing to meet with the Selectmen from time to time to discuss state bills and pending legislation so that the board may hear his comments, and he listen to the opinions of the board, and to allow townspeople an opportunity to learn of these matters.

Discussion held re: Survey of traffic on North Road.

Mr. Markham inquired if the board had any information on the survey that was now being prepared relating to heavy truck through traffic on North Road. Mr. Lannan reported the survey is well underway; that much detailed information was being compiled and it would be received by the board within a few days.

Special Town Meeting Articles Discussed.

Then the board met with Atty. Clement McCarthy to discuss the order of the articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Conference with Atty. for D & B Home builders, Inc. re: wording of Special Town Meeting Article, and contents of future purchase agreement.

One of the first articles discussed was Art. #20 relating to land acquisition of D & B Homebuilders, Inc., of acreage at or near the Russell Mill Pond. A conference was held with Atty. Charles G. Kadison , Jr., representing the D & B Company. Mr. Kadison asked if the wording in the land acquisition article could be changed from "municipal purposes" to "conservation and recreation purposes." Mr. McCarthy recommended that it might be advisable to follow the request of the petitioner. Atty. Kadison offered to waive the inclusion of a reverter clause in the purchase agreement if the wording is changed to "conservation and recreation purposes." Finally after much discussion the board asked Mr. Kadison if he would confer with Mr. diBiase to request that the wording remain as presented. Then Mr. Kadison left the meeting and made telephone contact with his client. Later Mr. Kadison returned to the meeting and stated that his client had agreed to the plan to retain the wording "municipal purposes". Mr. Humphrey also requested at this time that no restrictions be placed in the sales agreement or deed. Mr. Kadison acknowledged this request. Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to retain the wording "municipal purposes" in the article #20 (and which later became Art. #21) in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, and purchase agreement should be drawn up in accordance with the information as voted at the Town Meeting.

Discussion held re: sum of money to be requested for Sewer Comm. Article.

Mr. McCarthy reported that Art. 8, (later changed to Art. 10) for the Sewer Commission would be for a request for $1,100,000.00

School Articles to be taken up before Sewer Com. Articles.

Then a discussion followed as to the best order of articles involving the Sewer Commission and the School Building Committee. Mr. Humphrey recommended that the board now change the order, and take up the School Articles before the Sewer Articles. He then moved that the articles be changed, so that the voters will take up the School articles first. Mr. Markham seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. Mr. Hart commented that he would go along with the majority of the board on this motion, but he stated he would like to have the warrant remain as presented.

Order of ReZoning Article for Manning Road changed.

Then Mr. Doody asked that the board consider changing the order of Article 21, (which later became Art. 17) inasmuch as this Rezoning Article for land off Manning Road offered such valuable potential to the town as a shopping center district. Then Mr. Doody moved that this article be moved up and would then be shown as Article 17. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Markham then moved that an amendment be added to Mr. Doody's motion to change the order of Art. 22 relating to Rezoning of land off Smith St. & Parkhurst Rd. A discussion followed on the merits of this suggestion. Finally no one seconded the motion and it failed. Then a vote was taken on the main motion of Mr. Doody and it was voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourns.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Nov. 1, 1971; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:

1. Charles D. Harrington of the Lowell Sun, who arrived at 7:21 P.M. Mr. Harrington left about 10:00 P.M. when the board commenced to discuss and take official stands on articles for the Special Town Meeting.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, who arrived at 7:25 P.M.
3. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel, who arrived at 7:35 P.M.

Mrs. Kierce and Mrs. Dempsey remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Reporters present.

A short conference was held with Atty. Clement McCarthy, Town Counsel, and discussions were held concerning various Special Town Meeting Articles. Mr. McCarthy reported that the estimate for the cost of the purchase of the Sugden Land, based on appraisal received, would be $12,732.00.

Town Counsel discusses Special Town Meeting Articles.

The Selectmen then met with Atty. Daniel J. Coughlin regarding the need for approval of the board for petition to the Land Court to define certain property line, on Old Town Way, for Trustees of the Town Way Investment Trust. It was explained that there is no actual change in the boundaries, but an assent would be needed for describing a running line along the property at the road, instead of describing the boundary as a stone wall, and to allow the plan to be recorded. Atty. McCarthy advised the board that the matter was routine and a formality. Then the board members signed the petition and Atty. Coughlin took the document for filing with the Land Court.

Petition for Land Court signed by the Selectmen.

It was decided to request that the Acting Supt. of Streets, should plan to attend the second hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 16th, 1971 at 12:50 P.M. at the office of the County Commissioners relating to specific repairs of Acton Road.

Actg. Supt. of Sts. requested to attend hearing.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Greater Lowell Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Program, known as "Share". Those present included Mr. Thomas G. Doyle, Jr., Mr. Douglas Murray, Mr. Roger Trottier, and several members of the local Drug Abuse Study Committee, including Atty. Norman Moray, Mrs. Anne Stratos, and the Police Chief, Robert E. Germann. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the proposed use of the Grossman Property at 106 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, as a Learning Center. About twenty other persons were also present who reside near the property in question. Mr. Lannan presided and stated the reasons for the conference and then he turned the subject over to Mr. Doody, who had suggested that such a conference be held. Mr. Doody first introduced the persons who were present from the local Drug Abuse Study Committee and he suggested that a review be held of the proposed plans for the use of the Grossman property as a Learning Center, sponsered by "Share". He said that other sites had been considered, and then he asked specific questions, such as: Is the building safe? What are the proposed plans? Do we want this particular type of service for Chelmsford? and what has the experience been in Wilmington where a Learning Center has been operated? Mr. Doody stated he understood that there had been activities already at this property and that plans had perhaps been approved for this use. He said that this is news to the local officials. He then read the contents of a recent letter received from the Building Inspector relating to the condition of the Grossman Property, and that he would make an inspection soon. Mr. Doody stated that the safety conditions must be determined. Then Mr. Doody called upon Atty. Moray to inform those present about the plans for the Learning Center. Mr. Moray stated that there would be individual and group counseling and there would be craft programs, and a coffee-type house, and that no drugs nor alcohol will be used at the center. He said there would be professional type persons from Share, all adults, who would assist, and that there would be an emphasis to prevent drug use, but there would be no rehabilitation done at this center, and addicts would be referred to other places, and the staff would be hired by Share officials. Mrs. Anne Stratos then spoke

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and reported that she had visited the Wilmington Learning Center and was very impressed with the operation. She stated that it was good size and lessons for craft work were available, and there was electronic equipment available for study. She said there are paid volunteers who assist from the colleges, and the outside grounds were spotless, and it was quiet, and the behavior of the participants was good. She added that the Wilington Police and School Departments support them, and there had been no difficulties with drugs nor alcohol. She said she was pleasantly suprised with the operation and found it to be very clean. Another persons present stated the center proved to be very educational and there had been no problems. Then Thomas G. Doyle, Jr. of Share spoke and said that the activity at the Grossman Property so far had been to check the safety of the building, such as light, heat and plumbing facilities. Mr. Douglas Murray stated that the Chelmsford Learning Center would be similar to the one in Wilmington and there would be a rotating staff with Wilmington. Then Mr. Doody requested that Chief Robert E. Germann speak on the subject. Chief Germann stated that he would recommend that a program of this type be planned for Chelmsford as there is a drug problem in our town, and various people should be helped and the program should start somewhere. Chief Germann stated he had checked and found there were no complications in Wilmington; the center is largely attended and there were no problems, and they had a good program. He stated that it would be advisable that the officials prove to the Police Dept. that such a program is needed. Mr. Doody suggested that an inspection be made of the Wilmington Center to learn more details. Mr. Lannan asked if the Chelmsford Learning Center will be for Chelmsford people only. Mr. Murray stated it would be primarily for Chelmsford residents, but that Westford residents might participate, and that other persons whould not be barred, unless there were difficulties. Mr. Lannan asked if the center is for non-drug users, and Mr. Murray replied that the property would be used primarily for non users. Mr. Doyle explained that some persons who were mild-form users might be attending this center, but that addicts will not be helped here. Mr. Lannan asked about the present use of the Youth Center which had been set up earlier this year. Mrs. Stratos stated that the Center is used by Junior High Students, and High School Students do not use the Center, and those using the center come from all parts of the town. Mr. Kevghas asked if his understanding is correct that there would be no drug therapy at the Chelmsford Center. Mr. Lannan stated that this is the way he would understand it. Chief Germann asked if help is needed, can an individual go to this center. Mr. Moray replied that if drug counseling is needed, he is referred elsewhere, when the indiviual might be heavily involved. Mr. Humphrey then asked if the local Drug Committee knew of these plans, or did Share go ahead without local approval. Mr. Moray stated this was not so; that the local committee did know of these plans in September. Mr. Humphrey asked if there is any activity now at the Middlesex Street property and Mr. Moray replied in the negative. Mr. Humphrey asked if the program had been planned and is now ready to go. Mr. Moray stated that they were no studying the Grossman proposal, and that the rent figure of $140.00 per month is being studied. Mr. Humphrey then said that the citizens of North Chelmsford can now express their thoughts, and he added that it appears the program is geared more for drug related problems than for non drug problems. Mr. Humphrey also asked the group if they had studied the subject of zoning questions and Mr. Moray stated he would look into this matter. Mr. Hart asked about the proposed hours for operation of the center and he was informed that they would be from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Wednesday, or Thursday through Saturday. Mr. Markham then asked several questions as to the identification of Dr. Katz, and his title and duties in the program; if an inspection of the building had been made, and the connections of Share and the Altermode group. Mr. Doyle answered questions about Dr. Katz and his connection with the program; and that the property is being inspected and checked and that the Altermode group were associated with Share, but they have an unworkable site, with problems of lack of power and vandalism. Mr. Markham asked about the cost of this program and Mr. Doyle reported that it will exceed the $18,000. which the town provides. Mr. Markham asked if Share had investigated the possible use of the Bowl-O-Rama Property on Acton Road. Mr. Doyle stated they had investigated and the premises were not conducive to the needs of the program; the building is not for lease, and much renovation would be needed. Then Mr. Markham read from the 1970 minutes of meetings of the Selectmen relating the condition of the Grossman Property and he inquired as to the need for such a program. Mr. Doody then suggested that further meetings might now be needed. Mr. Lannan stated he hoped the Drug Abuse Study Committee will hold such meetings. Mr. Kevghas then asked how many persons would be coming to the Center at a particular time and Mr. Murray estimated that as many as twenty to fifty persons might be present. Mr. Kevghas then cited the traffic and parking questions. Mr. Murray stated that there is a large lot nearby, and most of those who would use the center do not have cars, and that the Wilmington Center has about eight to ten cars parked nearby on an average. Mr. Reginald Larkin then said that by moving the project to the Grossman Property they were coming into a crowded area, with perhaps as many as two thousand children in the general area, due to close proximity of a church, a school, and school bus lines, and this could introduce a drug element to the children. At this point Mr. Roger Trottier stated that to avoid the drug element in today's living, parents would have to take their children out of the schools. Mr. Larkin stated he was concerned with the location. Mr. Trottier stated that we study the areas and hope to work with town officials and residents. Mr. John McEnaney commented that the Altermode project had been a source of trouble, and with a church nearby he questioned if this location is advisable. Mr. Lannan then announced that no final plans will be made until a discussion is held with the local committee, and with the Selectmen, and not until after meetings are conducted in the area. Mr. Doody stated that this will be done and the meetings will be held in the very near future. Mr. Humphrey, in conclusion, stated that he understands that the local committee are not forcing anything on the town. Then the conference ended.

Conference continues with members of Share and local Drug Abuse Study Committee re: Plans for Learning Center.

Mr. Doody departed at this time from the meeting since he was recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. Doody departs from the meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. Kenneth M. Gigger, Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers, in which he requested that negotiations commence regarding revisions of the Agreement for the Highway Department Employees. It was decided to acknowledge receipt of the letter and inform him that the board will be in touch with him soon.

Request rec'd. that Highway Union Contract negotiations commence soon.

A letter was received from Mr. Merrell R. Anderson of 8 Lancaster Avenue, in which he offered suggestions for changes in receipt of tax monies from banks holding mortgages. It was noted that a copy of the letter had been sent to the Finance Committee and School department. The Selectmen commented that they imagined the Finance Committee will look into this matter.

Suggestion received re: receipt of tax monies from banks.

Two applications for appointment as Labor Relations Advisor were received from Mr. James F. Waldron of Haverhill, Mass. and Mr. Arthur Murphy of Braintree, Mass. Both applications were placed on file.

Applications received for appmt. as Labor Relations Advisor.

It was decided to request that the Finance Committee re-schedule Budget Meeting from Nov. 23rd, to a Thursday, Nov. 18th, 1971 or Dec. 2nd, 1971.

Budget meeting date changed.

At 9:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was held on the application of Purity Chelmsford Realty Trust, by Leo Kahn, Trustee, for permission to fill in, grade and pave site, install drainage system, and create new parking area, on the northeast corner of the intersection of Summer Street and Boston Road, adjoining an existing supermarket parking lot. Mr. Lannan opened the hearing and read the application and stated that the hearing would be conducted under the provisions of Section 40, of Chapter 131, of the General Laws, a law which pertains to Flood Plains. Persons present included David P. Murphy, Attorney for Purity Supreme, Inc., and Purity Chelmsford Realty Trust, and Mr. Joseph Bals, Engineer, and Mr. Edmund Polubinski, Chairman, of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Lannan invited Mr. Murphy to speak and explain the request. Mr. Murphy stated that he represented the applicant and the hearing was requested due to the requirements of the Hatch Act and he then explained the proposed project and a plan was displayed and

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and the areas identified. A typewritten Memorandum dated Nov. 1st, 1971 entitled "Notice of Intent of Purity Chelmsford Realty Trust under the Hatch Act was made available to the board as part of the presentation by Atty. Murphy. Mr. Murphy stated that the portion of the plan outlined in red and on display before the board was the portion where the changes would take place, and there were some amendments to the original plan. He then explained the lines for drainage and the pipelines were described. He stated that the area to be filled is swampy and some areas have a good sized drop. He said the average grade is about 127 feet, as compared to a level of about 132 feet for the adjoining parking lot. He then described the existence of a culvert and catch basin on Boston Road which is presently inoperative and under the plans now being made, the culvert and basin would be made to work. He then described the additional lines that would be installed and the connecting of catchbasins. He said also that the area would be filled and there would be paving for a parking lot, and these changes would improve an area which is presently noxious and breeds mosquitoes. Mr. Murphy stated that eventually a building would be erected and which would contain 25,000 to 30,000 square feet of space to be rented out and a larger parking area would be needed. He then described the present drainage system under the parking lot, and emphasized that some of the present system does not work effeciently, and that plans were being made to make changes in the system to make it work better. He stated that after the project is completed the value of the land will increase, and this will do away with a swamp, which is foul smelling and a breeding place for mosquitoes. He stated that the improvments in the drainage system will not create further problems. He also explained that there would be no addition to the present Marshall Store building, and that the parking area would be extended. Mr. Humphrey spoke of the past problems relating to this area and that a previous owner had to be stopped from filing the section near Boston Road. Mr. Humphrey asked the approximate depth of the fill to be installed. Mr. Murphy explained that in some places the fill depth might be as much as ten feet. Mr. Lannan asked if the buildings on Summer street would be removed, and Mr. Murphy replied that a house and garage would be taken down. Then Mr. Hart asked if a laundry and dry cleaning establishment had received a letter to close down their operation from regulatory authorities. Mr. Joseph Bals, the Engineer, stated that as far as he knew they had received no notice; that there was no septic system problems, but he did acknowledge that be believed an investigation was underway. Mr. Markham asked if the area would be paved and Mr. Bals stated it would be. Mr. Markham also asked if motorists will be able to drive through the entire area, and Mr. Bals stated that they would, but that driveways with entrances and exits would be installed. Then Mr. Lannan read the contents of a letter received from the Acting Supt. of Streets in which certain recommendations were made as follows:

> "That the extension of the existing twelve inch pipe under Boston Road, be increased to an eighteen inch diameter pipe with the inclusion of a manhole built at the end of the existing twelve inch pipe connecting to the eighteen inch proposed pipe."

Mr. Bals stated that there would be no problem to alter the plans to include this town recommendation and he made no objection to the change in side of the pipeline and to the installation of the manhole. Mr. Polubinski asked if the entrance to the area would be on Summer Street, and that he had noticed water problems in that area during spring time. Mr. Bals reported that changes and improvements had already be made this spring and he felt the problems might now be resolved. Mr. Polubinski commented that there may be springs in this area and the water table may be high. Mr. Bals stated that corrections had been made and there had been no further problems, and new paving will be installed. Mr. Lannan asked if the Conservation Commission had any objections and Mr. Polubinski replied that they did not object provided precautions were taken to control drainage as outlined. He also stated that this project would provide good revenue to the town. Mr. Lannan asked if there were any other questions and Mr. Markham asked if there would be an easement for drainage to go to Beaver Brook. Mr. Bals stated there would be no easement. Mr. Markham stated that he would hope that no other type of problems would be created with larger hot-top areas. Mr. Markham also asked if there would be shrubbery and greenery planted in the area to improve the appearance. Mr. Bals replied that they do plan to have this type of landscaping.

Then Mr. Lannan closed the hearing at about 9:35 P.M. A short discussion followed regarding the decision to be made. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to approve the application, as outlined at the hearing, with one exception, pertaining to the recommendation received from the Acting Supt. of Streets as follows:

> "That the extension of the existing twelve inch pipe under Boston Road, be increased to an eighteen inch diameter pipe with the inclusion of a manhole built at the end of the existing twelve inch pipe connecting to the eighteen inch proposed pipe."

and that the plan be forwarded to the Highway Dept. to show these changes and that such plan be forwarded to the Mass. Dept. of Natural Resources for their study, and to inform the state agency that, in the opinion of the Selectmen, the granting of such permission will not be detrimental to a public water supply, nor harmful to proper flood control, and to request that the Dept. of Natural Resources, now make a determination on this matter in behalf of the Selectmen for the Town of Chelmsford.

Approval granted to Purity Chelmsford Realty Trust for land fill

A report was read from the Police Chief regarding the recent survey which had been conducted on North Road, relating to the use of this road from Route 495 to Route 3, for heaving trucking; such information to now be forwarded to the state DPW, for their study. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board now take a vote on this matter based on the contents of the Police Dept. report and survey, and that the State Representative be informed of the new action by the board. Mr. Hart felt that the hours should be specified, and perhaps the weight of the vehicles used in long haul trips should be mentioned. Mr. Lannan then offered to confer with the Police Chief to obtain suitable wording for the board's recommendation. Mr. Markham commented that the board should consider restrictions for through travel during all hours as there is a noise and safety factor to be considered and the presence of school children along this road as North Road is used as a school bus route. It was finally left that the exact wording of the board's recommendation would be decided later.

Report received re: North Road Traffic Survey. Discussion follows regarding board's recommendations on this subject

A letter was received from the School Supt. in which information was offered that the Chelmsford High School Art Dept. would be interested in participating in the Town Report Cover Contest. It was decided to now forward details about the contest to Dr. Rivard since they have indicated they would like to participate.

School Dept. will participate in Town Report Cover Contest.

The Selectmen then disucssed the Articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant in order to make recommendations. After certain discussions the board came to the following conclusions:

Art. 1: For Council of Aging Membership. Unanimously in favor.
" 2: For Change of Name of North Road. " " "
" 3: For Purchase of Snow Plows. " " "
" 4: For Purchase of Sand & Salt Spreaders. " " "
" 5: For Trading of old Sand & Salt Spreaders." " "
" 6: For Appraisal Funds for East Fire Station Site Committee. Unanimously in /Favor.
" 7: For Acquisition of Unitarian Church Land. Unanimously in Favor
" 8: For Construction of a New High School. The members appeared to be divided on this subject and it was finally decided to make no decision now and wait to hear the presentation at Town Meeting, after which the members will be polled prior to the voting.
" 9: For School Swimming Pool. Unanimously not in favor.
" 10: For Sewer Commission Project, Phase I. Unanimously in favor.
" 11: For Sewer Commission Project, Phase II, Unanimously not in favor.
" 12: For Sewer Commission Project, " II, " " " "
" 13; For Zoning By-Law Amendment, to allow Dump Facility. Unanimously not in /favor.
" 14: For Re-Zoning of Land at North Dump. Unanimously not in favor.
" 15: For Purchase of Sugden Land for Dump Use. Unanimously not in favor.
" 16: For Rescinding Vote under Art. 18, of Sp. Town Meeting of June 28, 1971 and return funds to Surplus Revenue. Unanimously in favor

Discussion and Recommendations for Special Town Meeting Articles.

Recommendations made for Special Town Meeting Articles.

Art. 17: For Re-Zoning of Land off Manning Road. Unanimously in favor.
Art. 18: For Funds for Engineering of Crystal Lake Restoration. Unanimously in favor.
Art. 19: For Land Acquisition of D&B Land, (Conservation Commission Article) Unanimously not in favor.
Art. 20: For Re-Zoning of portion of D&B Land. Unanimously in favor.
Art. 21: For Land Acquisition of D&B Land, (Portion of total area) Unanimously in favor.
Art. 22: For Re-Zoning of Land off Smith Street and Parkhurst Road. It was agreed to not make a decision at this time so that the members can first hear the presentation at Town Meeting.

Conference planned for study of Parking Problems at Parlmont Plaza.

Mr. Hart then spoke on the need for a conference with owners of the Parlmont Realty Company, the Postmaster, and Mr. George Hedrick, Manager of the Alpine Lanes, to discuss parking problems on Alpine Lane. It was finally agreed to plans such a meeting, on a motion by Mr. Hart, and seconded by Mr. Humphrey, and voted unanimously.

Progress Ave. water problems discussed.

Mr. Lannan then spoke of problems which have now come about relating to the need for water lines on Progress Avenue to service the Rivard Trucking Company property and that the East Chelmsford Water District had not taken steps to provide this water service. Mr. Humphrey was requested to confer with the parties involved to learn more of the details and to report back to the board at a later meeting. Mr. Humphrey agreed to do this.

Meeting adjourns.

Then the meeting adjourned at about 11:05 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AH Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Jurors Drawn.

On November 3rd, 1971 the following-named Jurors were drawn by Mr. Lannan:
1. John J. Ryan, 14 Dennison Road, For Cambridge Criminal Court.
2. Earl F. Plummer, Jr., 26 McFarlin Road,

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AH Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Licenses Granted.

On November 8th, 1971 the board signed and granted license forms for Klav Corp., d/b/a Lum's, at 86 Chelmsford Street, after assurances were received from the Health Director and Building Inspector that all town and state Health and Building requirements had been met. The licenses issued were for:

1.	Wines & Malt Beverages, Common Victualer:	Fee: $200.00
2.	Common Victualer, Food:	" 5.00
3.	Weekday Entertainment License;	" 5.00
4.	Sunday Entertainment License:	Fee: State Share: $50.00
	(Nov. 14, 1971 to Nov. 15, 1972.)	Town's Share: $104.00.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AH Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Nov. 10th, 1971; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Press reporters were present as follows:

1. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:30 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:00 P.M.

Reporters present.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 27th, 1971.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 1st, 1971.

Minutes of two meetings accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to award the contract for the purchase of two Snow Plows, to Casey & Dupuis Equipment Corporation, the low bidder, for $1,620.00, and per recommendations from the Acting Supt. of Streets.

Contract awarded for Purchase of Snow Plows.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to award the contract for the purchase of two Sand & Salt Spreaders to Casey & Dupuis Equipment Corporation, the second low bidder, for $5,378.00, per the recommendations of the Acting Supt. of Streets, since the low bidder's product does not meet the town's specifications.

Contract awarded for Purchase of Sand & Salt Spreaders.

It was decided that the next meeting of the board would be held on Wednesday evening, November 17th, 1971, since the Special Town Meeting had adjourned to Monday, Nov. 15th, 1971, the normal time for the Selectmen's Meeting.

Date of next meeting of the board scheduled.

It was decided to schedule the Inspections of Liquor Establishments for Saturday morning, Nov. 20th, 1971, at 9:30 A.M. with the board members to meet at the Center Town Hall.

Date scheduled for Inspection of Liquor Establishments.

A request was received from the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth for a character report concerning Mr. Dennis J. Canney of 132 Princeton Street, an Incorporator of the Jaycee Housing Corporation of Lowell. It was decided to forward a request to the Police Chief for a character and police report.

Request for character report referred to Police Dept

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Robert A. Abreau, of 4 Norman Smith Street, as an Auxiliary Police Officer, to serve in an emergency without pay from the town. The Police Chief had recommended that this appointment be made.

Auxiliary Police Officer Appointed.

It was decided to inquire if the Judges who served in 1970-1971 for the Town Report Cover Contest would be willing to serve again this year, and that invitations should now be sent to Mrs. Mitchell A. Korbey, Jr., Mr. Carlton B. Plummer and Mr. John B. Hickey.

Invitations to be extended to Judges to serve for Town Report Cover Contest.

Approval was given for the installation of "Dead-End Street" signs at the intersection of C Street and Glen Avenue, and B Street and Glen Avenue, per request of Mr. Joseph E. Oullette, of 12 C Street, and after a study had been made and recommendations received from the Police Department. Instructions will now be sent to the Highway Dept. to prepare and install the signs.

"Dead-End St." signs approved

A request was received from the Police Chief that the sum of $2,150.00 be inserted in the Insurance Department Budget for purchase of Liability Insurance Coverage for Police Officers. It was decided to forward this information to the Insurance Advisory Committee for their study and recommendations.

Police Chief requests Liability Ins. be purchased in 1972 for Police Dept.

Application rec'd. for appointment as Labor Relations Advisor.

An Application for Appointment was received from Atty. David J. Fenton, of Lowell, as Labor Relations Advisor. It was decided to place the application on file.

Nashoba School requested to print Town Report covers.

It was decided to request the Nashoba School to print the covers for the Annual Town Report for the year 1971.

Job Description Data rec'd. from Personnel Bd.

A letter was received from the Personnel Board with detailed information concerning a Job Description to be used in future planning for a position of Highway Supt. of Streets. Mr. Doody requested that copies be made up for each member to read.

School Dept. requests information re: Project Prep.

A letter was received from the Supt. of Schools, Dr. Thomas L. Rivard, in behalf of the School Committee, in which he requested information about the Project Prep from the Town Drug Committee. Mr. Doody reported that the Drug Abuse Study Committee have information about this subject, and they are presently preparing an evaluation of the subject. Mr. Doody further suggested that Dr. Rivard be referred to Atty. Norman R. Moray, Jr. of the Drug Committee, to obtain this data.

Letter re: Town Celebration Committee Membership and closing of street received.

A letter was received from Mr. Richard O. Lahue, Sr. of the Town Celebration Committee in which he stated there is a need for a full membership of this committee in order to take care of committee business, and that three of the present members may not continue in the future. It was decided to send inquiries to Nelson A. Hebert, Mrs. Eleanor A. Maddox, and Mr. John W. McEvoy to see if they will continue, or if not, to ask them to submit letters of resignation. Mr. Lahue also presented a request to the board from the July Fourth Committee for the closing of Westford Street, from Littleton Rd. to Academy Street, during the 1972 July 4th Celebration. No final action was taken on this subject at this time.

School Bldg. Committee requests that Selectmen petition state agency to order fence installation at school by railroad.

A request was received from Mr. James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee, requesting that the Selectmen initiate action under a new state law to petition the state DPU to order the Penn-Central Railroad Company to install fencing along their right of way bordering the Byam School Property. Mr. Humphrey suggested that information be obtained to substantiate the need as a completely detailed package of data and information will be needed. He suggested that this information come from the School Bldg. Committee and the School Dept. and should include the number of children enrolled at the school and distances from the building to the railroad property, and information as to the hazards involved, and that documentation is needed. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to forward such a request to the School Bldg. Committee, and inform them that after receipt of the documentation, the board will act on the petitioning of the state agency.

Various notices of legal actions received from Town Clerk.

Mr. Lannan informed the Selectmen of legal documents which had recently been received by the Town Clerk; copies of which have all been forwarded to the Town Counsel, concerning the following-mentioned matters:

1. Case of Peter J. Saulis, vs Town of Chelmsford, regarding unpaid wages,
2. Case of Susan Lohmann, vs Foster Braga, and/or Town of Chelmsford, regarding personal injuries,
3. Henry Becker, vs. Town of Chelmsford, regarding school land taking.

Information will be forwarded to the Town Counsel for him to defend the town in each of the cases mentioned.

Pole Location Hearing held and petition adopted by the board.

At 8:00 P.M. a hearing was held on the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. & NET&TCo for 2 Joint Pole Locations on Billerica Road, C-1124, dated 10/8/71, to serve Frederick A. Hildreth. Abutters present included Frederick A. & Eileen W. Hildreth, Cesar Caires, and Mr. John Hudson, an interested observer. Mr. John H. Crane, representing the Mass. Elec. Co., was present to explain that the new poles are needed to serve a new customer. There were no objections from the abutters present. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition, and it was then signed by all members.

The Selectmen then read and commented on a letter received from Mr. Arthur H. MacKinnon, Chairman of the Flood Relief Board, concerning possible reimbursements for the town under the Crystal Lake Restoration Project, and amount of money which might be available and which has been authorized by legislation. Mr. MacKinnon's reply was such that no significant nor informative data was available to the Selectmen even though such a request had been made by the board in writing. Mr. Humphrey commented that the outlook and prospects for reimbursements is not bright and Mr. Hart stated that the board cannot present information to the voters about this subject as we have no idea as to the extent of such reimbursements. Mr. Doody suggested that a letter of inquiry be sent to the Selectmen of Lee, Mass. to ask various questions about their claims for reimbursements and to learn if they have received payment for these claims. The board agreed with this suggestion. Mr. Humphrey suggested that an inquiry be sent to Rep. Freeman to see if he can learn more information on possible reimbursements, and to seek out data as to the status of the town's present request before the Flood Relief Board for reimbursement. Mr. Lannan agreed to contact Mr. Freeman about this matter.

Discussion follows regarding need for information from the Flood Relief Board concerning Crystal Lake Claim Reimbursements.

A discussion then followed relating to the board's recommendation to the state for traffic restrictions on North Road. The board attempted to agree on the proper wording for such recommendations to the state DPW now that the traffic survey had been completed by the Police Department. The discussion centered about the size and type of vehicles to be excluded; the most suitable wording to describe that no thru trucking should be allowed, and the hours during which the restriction should be imposed. Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham both suggested that the subject should be sent back to the Police Chief for a letter of recommendation to the board. Mr. Markham emphasized that there is a need for improved traffic control during daytime hours due to number of children and school buses which use the road. Mr. Doody suggested that a conference be planned with the Police Chief and Traffic Officer on Wednesday, Nov. 17th, 1971, to discuss this subject and to learn of his written recommendations. It was also decided to inform the DPW District Highway Engineer, Mr. Mistretta, that the board plans to submit material on this subject to him within a few days, inasmuch as he had written to the board to inquire about the status of the project.

Conference to be held with Police Chief and Traffic Officer regarding North Road traffic restrictions.

Mr. Lannan read a letter from the Registration Department stating that the Charter Petitions had been examined for authenticity of signatures and it had been found that there are sufficient valid signatures for the board to act on the processing of same. Mr. William R. Murphy and Mr. John J. Balco, of the Charter Petition Committee, were present at this time. Mr. Lannan explained that the next step would be for the Selectmen to vote to place the subject on the ballot as a questions, and for persons to seek election to the commission, during March 1972. Mr. Lannan then asked for a motion. Mr. Doody then moved that the referendum question, "Shall a Commission be elected to frame a Charter for the Town of Chelmsford" be placed on the ballot for the Annual Town Election in 1972, since a sufficient number of voters had signed the petitions, per verification by the Board of Registrars. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. Mr. Doody then commented that the petition signature drive had been well organized and many voters had indicated their thoughts by signing, and he praised the committee for the work accomplished. Mr. Humphrey stated that the work to date culminates the work which was commenced more than a year ago. Mr. Murphy in conclusion stated that approximately 3,960 persons had signed the petitions.

Board of Registrats certify signatures on Charter Study Petitions. Selectmen vote to place subject on ballot for March 1972 electio

A letter was received from Senator Ronald C. MacKenzie stating that he would be willing to meet with the board from time to time to discuss subjects of mutual interest in response to the board's earlier inquiry. Mr. Humphrey commented that the message expressed a refreshing attitude and he suggested that a letter of acknowledgment be sent to him. Mr. Hart concurred and stated he was most pleased to learn the Senator will be available.

State Senator offers to meet with the Selectmen periodically.

Notice received from Labor Relations Comm. that Police Officers are or may about to be unionized.

Notice was received from the Labor Relations Commission that there would be a pre-investigation conference on Nov. 22nd, 1971 in Boston on the petition of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers to be certified as the representative from various employees of the Chelmsford Police Dept. for purposes of collective bargaining. Questions were asked by board members as to whether the Police Dept. personnel had been polled on this subject and if the board should plan to attend the scheduled conference. It was decided to inquire from the Police Chief if this action has been instituted by a member or group of the Police Dept. and who is their representative, and are they requesting the Selectmen to take certain action at this time.

Conference scheduled re: boundary problem

It was decided to schedule an appointment with Mr. Edward Baron for Monday, Nov. 22nd, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss boundary problems along Pine Hill Road, and Town of Westford, per his written request to the board.

Conference scheduled to discuss various problems relating to Proctor Road.

A letter was received from Mr. Stephen A. Bentas of 190 Proctor Road, in which he cited various problems, which he felt had not been resolved and which pertains to road work on Proctor Road. Items listed referred to need for work of removal of stone and ledge; need for removal of wall which extends into roadway, and that the town had never properly recorded relocation of a section of Proctor Road, when improvements were made a number of years ago, and Mr. Bentas presently owns the new road, and the old road belongs to the town. Mr. Lannan suggested that the board conduct a conference at the site with the Town Engineer and Acting Supt. of Streets to study these three problems. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a survey and plan be made of Proctor Road as it now exists. It was decided to hold the conference on Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1971, at 11:00 A.M. and that the Town Engineer, Acting Supt. of Streets and Mr. Bentas been requested to be present, and that the Town Engineer should bring plans and town maps with him to this conference.

Chairman outlines need for additional office and working space for employees under EEA Program.

Mr. Lannan then reported that a gift to the town of several desks had been received from an industrial firm that that this equipment will be placed in various locations to implement the work now being done and planned for the Emergency Employment Act. Mr. Lannan also stated that very soon the board must consider plans to provide additional office space for workers to be hired under the EEA program, and he suggested that areas in the lower basement room of the Center Town Hall be divided with partitions so that the Highway Planner and Map Draftsman would have space to work. Mr. Lannan asked that the board consider these matters and present suggestions to him.

Discussion follows regarding procedures to be followed for EEA hiring to fill jobs for Town of Chelmsford.

At this point the discussion continued with respect to the current Emergency Employment Act project insofar as it might affect town of Chelmsford residents. Questions were asked about the number of EEA jobs for Chelmsford and Mr. Lannan reported that there are about twelve in all. Mr. Doody inquired if the jobs had been advertised. Mr. Lannan stated that initally advertising had appeared which covered various positions in the consortium and the administrative positions at office in Chelmsford. Mr. Doody stated he felt it now might be advisable to do further advertising to inform local residents of the jobs for Chelmsford which have not as yet been filled. Mr. Humphrey asked if the board, as a group, should be involed in this matter, such as interviewing and hiring, and he suggested that the director be asked to give the board information as to the procedures for hiring of persons, and what the Selectmen should be doing in this matter as a board. It was also suggested that a similar inquiry be forwarded to Mrs. Mary Newman of the Office of Manpower Affairs. Then Mr. Lannan outlined some of the procedures to be followed, such as the receipt of applications, and the interviewing, at which time considerable detailed information is needed. He also explained that applicants might be referred to the town from the Office of Employment Security, and it the town receives such inquiries, within a certain period of time, the town is obliged to hire the applicant, if he or she meets the qualifications, as outlined in the job description. Mr. Lannan stated that he has worked with Mr. John Clark to expedite the hiring, and Mr. Lannan stated also he now welcomed the board's assistance in the interviewing process. Mr. Markham suggested that new advertising of jobs unfilled be released and that the press be requested to release information as to the procedures to be followed by the applicants. Mr. Doody also concurred and asked that advertising of unfilled positions and press releases be published so that our town residents will be informed. Then Mr. Doody moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that advertising be set up for the local newspapers, and that the press do stories on this subject. A unanimous vote followed. Then Mr. Lannan asked that an amendment be added to Mr. Doody's motion to set a date for receipt of applications. Mr. Doody suggested date be 11/24/71 and interviews be scheduled for Nov. 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1971, and that advertising appear in the newspapers on Nov. 17th and 18th, 1971. Other members of the board concurred with this suggestion and it was so voted. Mr. Doody also suggested that a list be obtained from the Project Director, John R. Clark, of the positions available, and that the press releases include criteria and instructions to the applicants as to what they must do to apply. Mr. Doody stated he would take steps to provide application forms to be used. Then the discussion concluded.

Discussion held re: procedures to be followed re: filling of positions under EEA program.

Mr. Lannan then spoke on the request made earlier by Rep. Freeman for opinions and feelings of the board concerning the state legislation which would allow the state to set salary figures for Police and Fire Chiefs. Mr. Lannan stated that he had read a report that the Selectmen had not issued information to the representative on this subject, and he wanted to have it on record that he did take a stand against the bill, and this information was given to the Adm. Assistant. Mr. Coburn then stated that he had orally informed Rep. Freeman by telephone message of this fact, and that other members of the board had felt that the subject should be discussed at a meeting of the board.

Chairman reports that he did take an official stand re: bill re: Police & Fire Chiefs Salaries.

A letter was received from Mr. Martin K. Bovey of 115 High Street, in which he made claim for property damage to his automobile due to accident on October 22nd, 1971. It was decided to forward requests to the Police and Highway Depts. to ask for information and/or reports of this accident before taking any further steps on this matter.

Claim for Property Damages received.

Mr. Doody then spoke on several matters; listed as follows:

1. That meetings are now being arranged in North Chelmsford area concerning the establishing of a Learning Center by Share at Grossman Property and that more details of these area meetings will be available later.
2. That a Flag Football Game has been scheduled at the McFarlin School by Youth Center Participants for Saturday, Nov. 13th, for publicity and fund raising purposes, and the Selectmen have been invited to participate.
3. That the board should consider sending three letters of commendation and appreciation to Senate President Kevin B. Harrington, House Speaker, David Bartley, and State Representative Cornelius F. Kiernan, for their efforts and help to gain passage of the state School Aid Assistance Bill which allows certain municipalities up to 65% reimbursement of Principal and Interest Costs for new school Construction. All members concurred with the suggestion and Mr. Humphrey commented that this bill had been initated by Rep. Kiernan and special thanks go to him and other legislators might do well to emulate his efforts and cooperation.

Area meetings to be held re: Learning Center.

Athletic event planned.

Letters of commendation to be sent to state legislators for work on school aid bill.

Mr. Humphrey stated that he had conferred with representatives of the East Chelmsford Water District concerning delays in offering water service to the Rivard Company on Progress Avenue, and he learned that the work has already commenced and the problem appears to be resolved.

Report given that water service being installed on Progress Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

On Nov. 11th, 1971, Jurors were drawn by Mr. Lannan:

1. Raymond L. Heut, 7 Sonora Drive, For East Cambridge Superior Court.
2. Eric J. Poulin, 4 Knob Hill Road, " " " " "
3. Parker A. Thomas, 38 Needham Street, " Lowell Superior Court,
4. John J. McCormick, 13 Anner Road, " " " "

Jurors Drawn.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Nov. 17th, 1971; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Humphrey was not able to be present due to changes in his regular office schedules. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

News media reporters were present as follows:
1. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:35 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:15 P.M.

Acceptance of Minutes postponed.

It was decided not to act on acceptance of the minutes of the last regular meeting held Nov. 10th, 1971 inasmuch as Mr. Humphrey was not present.

Date of next meeting of the board set.

It was decided to hold the next regular meeting of the board on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, 1971 commencing at 7:30 P.M. Various appointments previously set up for Monday's meeting, Nov. 22nd, 1971, will be re-scheduled.

Selectmen discuss petition received from Labor Relations Commission re: International Brotherhood of Police Officers, petition for unionization of Police Dept. personnel.

Mr. Lannan then spoke of the scheduled Pre-Investigation Conference to be held in the Office of the state Labor Relations Commission in Boston on Nov. 22nd, 1971 at 1:00 P.M., relating to the petition filed by the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, for union representation. Mr. Lannan outlined some past procedures followed and stated that in the case of the Highway Dept. an election was held. A letter was read from the Police Chief in which he indicated he did not know if an individual or a group had taken this initial action. Mr. Lannan stated that the board has not received any request from personnel in the Police Dept. to be represented by a union. He inquired if the meeting set up for Nov. 22nd, 1971 should be rescheduled, to allow more time, and perhaps to hold a conference with the Regional Union Representative. Mr. Doody then spoke on the procedures which the employees could use to gain representation, and he recommended that the town should have a representative at the hearing. Mr. Lannan asked if we should ask for postponement. Mr. Doody stated it might be best to not do so, and plan to be represented. He added that he believed they were going forward legally, and the board should now determine what classifications of personnel and which officers will be covered. Mr. Doody stated that he would try to arrange to be present, and he suggested that the Town Counsel be asked to attend the conference. Mr. Lannan commented that in the case of the Highway Dept. an election was held and the signed cards were not used. Mr. Hart approved the plan for an election. Mr. Doody recommended that a secret ballot be conducted, and that the board decide on the extent of coverage. Mr. Lannan suggested that the Chief and the Captain be excluded, as was done in the Fire Dept. with the Chief and Deputy Chief. Mr. Markham stated he felt there should be a vote on the question. Mr. Lannan then asked that notification be sent to the Police Chief so that he might attend the meeting; that a Police Department Listing or Roster be prepared for the Selectmen to show all personnel of the department, with their rank or classification; and that the Town Counsel be requested to attend. It was agreed by all members present to concur with these suggestions of Mr. Lannan.

Pole Location petition adopted by the Selectmen.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority of the members present to adopt a petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for one Joint Pole Location on School Street, #C-1130, dated 10/21/71, for purpose of clarification of records. Pole Location was formally granted to the Mass. Elec. Co. and will now be jointly owned with the NET&TCo. No hearing was required, and the petition was signed by the clerk, Mr. Hart.

Need for additional office space at Center Town Hall for EEA Program.

Mr. Lannan then stated that there was now definite need for additional office space in the Center Town Hall for the proposed employees for the Highway Dept. Planner and Draftsman and he would meet with the Bldg. Insp. on Nov. 20th, 1971 to discuss the changes to be made in the meeting room area of lower room at the Center Town Hall to accomodate these new employees to be hired under the EEA program.

Approval was given to the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen, Inc., for the use of the lower room at the Center Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 1st, 1971, commening at 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the monthly muster. It was also decided to inform the Minutemen that future meetings may not be possible in this building due to proposed changes.

Use of Center Town Hall approved.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority of the board members present to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing for application of the Alpha Development Corporation to store 5,000 gallons of Class A inflamables in separate containers at the Warehouse of the Giant Stores Corp. at 9 Stuart Road.

Hearing and advertising authorized for storage of inflamables.

Mr. Lannan then read contents of a letter received from the Town Accountant and Director of Accounts relating to salary raises for School Teachers. It was decided that a copy of the letter should be forwarded to the School Department. Mr. Doody spoke on this subject, informing the board that as far as he could learn, from recent press releases, that merit rate increases for teachers are not legal as yet, but certain type raises, as the teachers move through the rate range, are legal. Mr. Doody asked that this information be forwarded to the school department.

Discussion follows re: Salary Increases for Teachers.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with Atty. Edward H. London, and Mrs. Priscilla Lim, Manager of the Hong & Kong Restaurant, Inc., and Mr. Richard Eng, Director, to discuss plans to enlarge the scope of the present weekday entertainment license. Mr. London explained that the applicants desired to install a Juke Box in the Cocktail Lounge and to have dancing in the same room. Mr. London further stated that the location of the dance floor would be near the interior back wall, and would be about six feet by twelve feet in size, and the juke box would be tied in with the loudspeakers and there would be piano music, and the dancing would be limited to certain days of the week. They explained that a small group of instrumentalists would be engaged for the nights for dancing. Mr. Lannan asked if there would be any changes in the building and Mr. London stated there would be none. Mr. Lannan asked if there were any plans for dancing on Sundays, and Mr. London replied there were no such plans. Mr. Doody asked questions about the plans for having a small band and Mr. Eng explained that the band would probably be hired for two days per week, and he emphasized there there would be no changes in the building. Mr. Doody asked if the board had received any objections from anyone since the request had been publicized at an earlier meeting. Mr. Lannan stated there had been no objections received, and he added that the board had not received any complaints during the years of operation and the establishment does hire police protection at certain times. Then Mr. Doody moved that the license be granted. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was then voted by the majority present to enlarge the scope of the present Weekday Entertainment License to include a Juke Box, Dancing, and Music by small group of instrumentalists.

Conference held and permission granted to enlarge the scope of the present Weekday Entertainment License for the Hong & Kong Restaurant, Inc.

The board approved a Holiday Schedule for office employees as follows:

1. For Thanksgiving: Department heads shall keep all offices open until 5:00 P.M. with skeleton crew. Certain designated employees may be off duty from 12:00 Noon.
2. For Christmas: All town hall offices close at Noon on Dec. 24th.
3. For New Years: All town hall offices will be open all day until 5:00 P.M. on Dec. 31st, 1971.

Holiday schedule for office hours adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority of the members present to grant permission to the Fourth of July, Inc., for the closing of a portion of Westford Street from the flagpole, opposite the Center Town Hall and Unitarian Church, to Academy Street, as follows:

1. Half Day on Monday, July 3rd, 1972 from noon to midnight.
2. On Tuesday, July 4th, 1972, 12:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. midnight.

so that no vehicular traffic will pass between these points while booths are being set up, in operation, and during dismantling, per request of the Town Celebration Committee.

Closing of Street authorized for July Fourth Celebratio

Discussion follows and recommendations made for traffic safety improvements for Proctor Road.

Mr. Lannan then spoke on the subject of recommendations which the board might like to make concerning improvements and elimination of certain traffic safety hazards along Proctor Road, after the inspection trip of Nov. 13th, 1971, and conference with Mr. Stephen A. Bentas. Mr. Lannan asked if the board might care to study the matter, and leave their recommendations in writing in the downstairs office on Nov. 18th, 1971, as an indication of what the board should now do. Mr. Doody asked that estimates of cost be obtained from the Town Engineer, and Acting Supt. of Streets, who should work jointly on the preparation of such material, for leveling of town property at the curve heading toward driveway and where the rock wall is located, to improve visability. Such information could then be set up in the 1972 Budget. Mr. Lannan suggested that the Town Engineer and the Acting Supt. of Streets now prepare plans for a road relocation so that an article can be planned for warrant of Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Hart suggested that the owner of a wall along Proctor Road, Mr. Gerald Carnevale, be instructed to remove said wall between his driveway and a ledge, as a safety precaution, and that perhaps the Highway Dept. could assist with this work if needed. It was also suggested that a reflecting light be installed on the ledge to warn motorists of these dangers. The board members concurred with each of the suggestions made, and it was decided that these steps would now be taken.

Request for funds from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to be made.

It was decided that the Acting Highway Supt. should now prepare, sign and forward the request for Transfer of Funds, as needed, for the drainage improvement work on Pilgrim Road.

Discussion held and vote passes for restriction of heavy thru trucking on North Road.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference was held with Chief Robert E. Germann, and Traffic Officer, Sgt. Leslie A. Adams, Jr. concerning the recommendations to be made to the state DPW for traffic restrictions on North Road. Mr. Lannan read a letter from the Police Chief in which he offered recommendations for size and weight of vehicles to be excluded; the wording to be used for signing, to read "No thru Trucking", and the hours of the restrictions. Also a discussion followed as to the best locations for the signs needed to implement the plan. Mr. Lannan suggested that the Police Dept. letter be sent to the state DPW and Mr. Doody stated the board should request such traffic be excluded from Route 3 to Route 4 and the Center Town Hall. Mr. Markham asked that the board consider daytime restrictions due to the humber of children using this road, and that the wording "Heavy Vehicles Excluded" might be best suited for signing. Chief Germann stated he felt it might not be advisable to use this wording; that the wording "No thru Trucking" would be best. Then after some discussion the board took final action, on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present, to approve the restrictions as follows:

1. For commercial vehicles which weigh five ton or more,
2. For "No Thru Trucking"
3. For hours of 11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.
4. For section between Drum Hill Rotary on North Road, to point in front of the Center Town Hall,,with proper signs on North Road, on Route 495, and on Ramp from Route 3 at Drum Hill, or as the state DPW may direct.

Information explained re: Apt. House Traffic Survey made by a Police Officer, on a private basis, for developer.

Mr. Lannan then spoke about the survey which had been made for an Apartment House Developer relating to possible traffic problems, and that the Police Officer had been engaged by the petitioner to make such a report, on a private basis, and that the report was not an official one, so to speak, from the Chelmsford Police Dept., but was instead for information purposes concerning a Re-Zoning Article for the Special Town Meeting. Chief Germann was present at the time of this announcement by Mr. Lannan and concurred with these facts, so that such information could be reported by the press.

Request rec'd. for transfer of liquor license.

A letter was received from Mr. Raymond Lapointe stating that he would not be filing an application for renewal of his Retail Package Goods Store, Wines & Malt Beverage License for 39 Vinal Square. Also a letter was received from Mr. Raymond C. Des Marais, Jr., requesting that the board transfer the Lapointe license to him to be exercised at 21 Vinal Square. It was decided to notify both parties that the license cannot be transferred for renewal, and that the board would be required to proceed as though the request is for a new license.

A letter was received from the Supt. of Schools, Thomas L. Rivard, in which he requested that the Selectmen approve the re-employment of three retirees of the School Department; namely Rudolph Hansen, Jack Peake, and Mary Nebes, for a period of ninety days, due to emergency needs for their services on a part time basis. The board commented that with present unemployment at a high level, it might not be advisable to grant the request. Mr. Lannan then asked if Mr. Doody would confer with the School Supt. to inform him that many applications are on file in the EEA Office for filling of all types of jobs and this supply of applicants should be checked before hiring of retirees. Mr. Doody agreed to do this and will report back to the board after his conference. Mr. Doody was given the correspondence on this matter.

School Dept. requests permission to re-hire retirees on emergency basis. Subject to be studied.

Then Mr. Lannan read the contents of a letter received from John R. Clark, Project Director for the Emergency Employment Act, in which he outlined the procedures the board should follow regarding hiring of persons for Town of Chelmsford positions; four of which had already been funded and approved; and four others which were currently being considered. The Selectmen had earlier requested such information. The board studied the detailed report and Mr. Lannan elaborated on various subjects mentioned in the report. Mr. Doody asked what the Director's role would be in this work and Mr. Lannan replied that the Selectmen would interview the candidates and make their recommendations, and the Director would study the recommendations and make a final decision. Mr. Lannan also reported that there were on file about eighty-four applications for ten jobs. Then Mr. Lannan read from a prepared statement copies of which he presented to each member present and to members of the news media, in which he defined his position, and work done, under the EEA program to date. His statement follows:

Long discussion held re: Procedures to be followed and positions to be filled under the EEA Program.

> "Because of the publicity that our discussion at last week's meeting has had, and in particular the innuendoes and "that undercurrent that never fully came into the open" and the implication that may be there is something wrong with the manner in which the Emergency Employment Act is being conducted under my leadership, also in light of the fact that numerous inquiries have been made of me by consortium members as to "What's going on?" as a result of the news article. I feel that I cannot let this pass, "The implication of wrong doing." I will let the townspeople of Chelmsford and of every town that is a member of the Northern Middlesex County Consortium be the judge of my stewardship as the liason officer for this consortium.
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> "I have tried to the best of my ability to implement the EFA in a fair and impartial manner. I have spent many hours of my own time and many hours of my time contributed by the company I work for in pursuing the objectives of this employment act. I have fought to obtain the most money possible for the fourteen town consortium, to the extent that Congressman Brad Morse was convinced he should reschedule a meeting he had with the Secretary of State, Mr. William Rogers, in order that a presentation could be made by him and me to the Secretary of Manpower Affairs, (Mary Newman) regarding the amount of money distributed to our consortium of towns.
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> "We believe that as a result of this presentation we were allocated a higher amount of Section 6 funds.
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> "The fourteen town consortium has met at least every other week since its inception. This Board of Selectmen has been constantly briefed on the progress, discussions and results of these meetings. In fact, each time a meeting of the consortium was held an invitation was extended to this Board to attend. To my knowledge, the only member of this Board, other than myself to attend a meeting was Mr. Markham. The method of recruiting, hiring and criteria to be met and qualifications of applicants were discussed thoroughly at these meetings. On two or three occasions, our Town Accountant, Mr. Blackadar, attended meetings to discuss and to disperse information regarding the accounting procedures and their related subjects. Personnel from the OMA attended some of these meetings, Mr. Brown, Mr. Smith and Mr. Moscaritolo, other meetings were conducted at

the CMA Office in Boston; three all day sessions as I recall. The results of these meetings were reported to this Board. In fact, at Mr. Humphrey's suggestion, file folders were prepared for every member of this Board and also members of the press. Material has been constantly distributed to this Board for is perusal. Most of the questions asked last week could only have resulted from the board members not having read the material prepared for them. The Board members have the right and the responsibility to discuss with the project director any aspect of the program and the right to examine the files of the director's office including the applicant's file.

"Again, to my knowledge, only Mr. Markham and Mr. Hart have availed themselves of this opportunity to become more acquainted with the functions of the director's office and the program itself. It is flattering to think that the Board members felt the program was progressing well and therefore there was no need for them to assist in the interviews or the workings of the program. Most of the interviews are conducted at the convenience of the applicant as he or she is presumed to be just as busy looking for a job as we are working at ours. Many a lunch period has been spent on interviews.

Discussion held regarding proper procedures to be followed relating to hiring of employees under the Emergency Employment Act.

"It does seem peculiar that members of this board now question the method, selection and hiring practices under the EEA. The board has had copies of these regulations for months. Is there some regulation that has been violated? Has some applicant complained to a member of the board about their interview or the result of their interview? If so, I'm sure the fill will disclose the information on the applicant. Not only are we required to furnish information on the person hired, we are also required to furnish information regarding all interviews and reasons for not selecting. The law does not allow us to publicly disclose information on applicants---and so it should be---but the information is there for the board to read, if they are interested.

"Last Wednesday evening I was prepared to present to this board the nominees for certain jobs, the actual hiring of these people and the final choice would have been and still will be the decision and choice of this board. It is too bad that the employment of four people and the wages they need so badly will not be theirs for perhaps another two weeks. Three weeks wages lost and for what? So that some one could try to discredit the work that has been done. So that I could be discredited in the eyes of the public, or because I said "no " when I was asked to accept street acceptance plans that were received in Mr. Coburn's Office almost a month and a half after the deadline was sent for such acceptances and so advertised?

"I will probably have a nice Thanksgiving next week, but it won't be a happy one knowing that four people could have been employed making their day "one of Thanks giving;" but now even the date for receipt of more applications is set for the day prior to Thanksgiving. When will the interviews be held? When will the selections be made? If it was the intent to have me resign the position I was appointed to by this Board under this EEA, then let it be known-I have no intention of resigning and will do to my utmost the job required under the regulations. The Board May remove me from the position if it so desires, but I am still authorized and still responsible for implementation of the program as a member of this Board, and I will still vote to hire those people who qualify under the act and according to the priorities set up by the Department of Labor.

"I am willing to spend all of Friday, the 26th of November, on interviews if the rest of the board is."

Then Mr. Lannan asked if the board would care to plan interviews with applicants for Nov. 26th, and notify the applicants. At this point Mr. Doody asked questions about the regulations for hiring of applicants, and then he asked if Mr. Lannan would identify the members of the board referred to in his written statement which had been read aloud. Mr. Lannan replied that Mr. Doody and Mr. Humphrey were the members who did have questions. Then Mr. Doody commented that his questions at the time related to fact if the jobs had been advertised, and he stated that one advertisement appeared with several jobs, and that other jobs were not advertised until the board asked that this be done. Mr. Doody stated that other questions he had related to the procedure for interviews, and if the Director would interview the candidates, and if the Chairman should not have to do all the interviewing. Mr. Markham commented that some of the questions a week ago had come about due to the publicity given to procedures followed in Dracut. Mr. Hart commented that it was too bad for the misunderstandings and that Mr. Lannan's work under the EEA project had been excellent, and that the board only wanted to know what they should do, and if we should help more. Mr. Lannan said he was sorry for the unemployed and we now must wait for a reply from the office of Mary Newman, and that already a representative from the Newman Office had visited our EEA Office today. Then Mr. Markham asked to read the contents of the Newman letter from the board and he commented that the message was only a request for procedural advice. Mr. Lannan then read excerpts from a previous letter from the Manpower Office regarding hiring practices. Mr. Doody then stated that now the number of positions have been clarified, and the delays are unfortunate, and there may be other candidates who may be in greater need. Mr. Doody then asked if some jobs had been filled without approval from the Selectmen. Mr. Lannan explained that in some cases the state office of Division of Employment Security had sent out applicants, within the required time after jobs had been certified, and it was required that these persons be hired if qualified. Mr. Lannan then cited some specific cases where this action had occurred. Mr. Doody then asked about the advertising on Nov. 17th, and 18th, for filling of four positions, and Mr. Lannan suggested that the Adm. Assist. should make preliminary interviews, receive applications, and submit the data to the board. Mr. Coburn at this point stated he would assemble material for the board about the applicants for these town positions. Mr. Doody suggested that interviews be held as quickly as possible; perhaps on Nov. 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1971. It was agreed then that a list shall be prepared for the board with names, addresses, etc. of applicants and the title of the position they are applying for, commencing the day the advertisement appears. Mr. Lannan in conclusion stated that some ten applicants had applied for the new positions and all had been interviewed and graded. Then the discussion ended.

Discussion continues re: procedures to be followed for hiring of persons under EEA Project.

The board then signed a Certificate for character reference for Dennis J. Canney, of 132 Princeton Street, an Incorporator for the Jaycee Housing Corp. in Lowell, after receipt of a character and Police Report from the Police Chief.

Certificate of Character signed.

Mr. Doody then informed the board that there will be an open meeting in North Chelmsford with local residents, members of the Share, members of the local Drug Abuse Study Committee, and Police Department officials, at St. John's Church on Sunday, Nov. 21st, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss all aspects of the planned program concerning a Learning Center to be conducted at the Grossman Property Building on Middlesex Street, and that possibly there will be a second area meeting on Nov. 23rd, 1971 in North Chelmsford at another location.

Information presented that area meetings will be held re: Share Learning Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by CHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Nov. 23, 1971; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Hart were not present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:
1. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:17 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:35 P.M. Mr. Harrington departed at 9:50 P.M. and Mrs. Dempsey departed at 10:00 P.M., the time of adjournment.

Reporters present.

A Temporary Wines & Malt Beverages Licenses was granted to the Old Stage Estates Assn. for use at the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club, Inc. property, at 160 Mill Road, for Dec. 2, 1971. Fee: $0.50.

License Granted.

Street Light Survey to be continued.

It was decided to ask Mr. Paul Hart to make the final part of inspections for the street light survey as Mr. Humphrey had completed most of the work.

Report given of Annual Inspections of Liquor Establishments. Certain recommendations made.

Mr. Lannan reported that the board had made the Annual Inspections of Liquor License Establishments on Nov. 20th, 1971 and corrections were found to be necessary in three restaurants; that of the Mai Kai, the Meadow Grill, and the Rainbow, relating to public safety matters. Each proprietor had been informed of the corrections to be made, and it was decided to instruct the Bldg. Insp. to visit each of the premises to be certain that the corrections were made, and to so notify the board. It was also decided to notify the Mai Kai Restaurant that they must not, in the future, store cases of alcoholic beverages in a corridor; but that all storage of beverages should be in the storage room, as described in the application and on the license form.

Budget meeting scheduled.

It was decided to meet with members of the Recreation Commission on Monday, Nov. 29th, 1971, at 8:00 P.M. to discuss the Recreation Commission Budget for 1972.

Conference with property owner concerning proper location of Town Boundary Line along Pine Hill Rd. Town Engineer requested to make study and report to the board.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Edward Baron and Mr. Bruce Baron, relating to problems which Mr. Edward Baron had called to the attention of the board concerning the town boundary line and that of the Town of Westford, along Pine Hill Road. Mr. Baron stated that a new survey had been made in 1970 which showed the town line to be in a location, which differed from other maps. Mr. Baron informed the board that he is being taxed by both towns, and the 1972 tax in both cases is larger than previously; and the increases in part may have resulted from a new survey. He stated that if there are errors, the Land Court is the only place where changes can be made, if the town petitions the court. Mr. Baron stated that he had conferred with the Assessors of both towns, and the problems can not be resolved with these departments. Plans were examined at this point, from the Office of the Assessors, and from records of Mr. Baron. Mr. Baron stated he felt there are now discrepancies and a study should be made. He also pointed out that he believed that a portion of Whippletree Road, in Chelmsford, may in reality be in the Town of Westford. Mr. Lannan suggested that the board have the Town Engineer study the maps, and area, and determine the proper location of bounds, and to verify and establish the town line. It was also suggested that the Town Engineer confer also with the Board of Assessors of Chelmsford, and Mr. J. Paul Bienvenu, whose firm had made the new plan of the Baron Land during April of 1970. The board concurred with Mr. Lannan's suggestion, and the Town Engineer will be requested to study the problem, and the board will notify Mr. Baron later of the information to be submitted by the Engineer.

Meeting schedule for December 1971 adopted.

The board adopted the following-mentioned meeting schedule for the month of December 1971. It was decided to hold regular meetings on Dec. 6th, Dec. 13th, Dec. 20th, and Dec. 27th, 1971.

No action taken at this time to accept minutes of previous meetings.

It was decided to not take any action to approve and accept the minutes of meetings of Nov. 10th, and Nov. 17th, 1971, until such time as all members are present.

Special Police Officer Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to appoint Harold G. Waterhouse, a City of Lowell Police Officer, as a Special Police Officer, for the Town of Chelmsford, to serve in an emergency, without pay from the Town, (Term to expire: 7/31/72.) per recommendation received from the Police Chief.

Mr. Lannan then gave a report of the meeting held in Boston on Nov. 22nd, 1971 at the Labor Relations Commission office with respect to the petition of employees of the Police Dept. for union representation of future wage negotiations. Mr. Lannan reported that it had been decided that an election would be held at the Police Station on Dec. 10th, 1971 between the hours of 3:00 PM. and 5:00 PM. and that an agreement had been signed to hold an election by ballot. He stated further that the Permanent Patrolmen and Sergeants will be qualified to participate but the Chief, Captain, Policewoman, Matrons and the Clerk-Typists would be excluded. Mr. Doody commented that all members of the department, who qualify to vote, should be encouraged to do so. Then the board agreed to forward a letter to the Police Chief for the department members to read, in which all members would be encouraged to exercise his right and responsibility, and it should be pointed out that one more vote than fifty-percent of those voting could decide the issue.

Chairman reports on meeting held with state Labor Relations Commission re: Election for Union Representation in Police Dept.

The board then signed three character references; all relating to Incorporation of non-profit organizations, as follows:

1. For Charles L. Mitaskos, 13 Housatonic Avenue, and for
2. Philip L. Campbell, 98 Westford Street,

Incorporators for the Mass. Council for Social Studies, Inc., to be located in Methuen, Mass.

3. For Malcolm Fryer, 200 Proctor Road,

Incorporator of CDA, Inc., to be located in Cambridge, Mass.

4. For Alphonse A. Beauregard, 6 Whippletree Road,
5. " Mitchell A. Korbey, Jr., 30 Charlemont Court,
6. " JoAnn Weinert, 21 Rack Road,
7. " Carolyn R. Bennett, 26 Sylvan Avenue,
8. " Eugene J. Doody, 35 Charlemont Court,
9. " Norman H. Douglas, 30 Rainbow Avenue,
10. " Anne E. Stratos, 20 Kensington Drive,

Incorporators for the Chelmsford Youth Center, Inc., with location to be at 6 Whippletree Road, Chelmsford, Mass.

Character references signed.

A request was received from the Selectmen of the Town of Westford for a list of fees which are charged in Chelmsford for Liquor Licenses during 1971 and for 1972. The Adm. Assist. was requested to furnish this information to the Westford board.

Westford Selectmen inquire about license fee schedule for liquor establishments.

A request was received from the Chairman of the Sewer Commission for permission to use the services of the Town Counsel for legal advice concerning the final negotiations for cost allocation with the two major water users in North Chelmsford; namely the Gilet Wool Scouring Co. and the Southwell Combing Co. The board members offered no ojections to this request and the permission was granted.

Sewer Comm. request permission to confer with Town Counsel.

A questionnaire was received from Rep. Francis Hatch in which he asked numerous questions about the implemention of state legislation concerning filling of lowlands, as they might affect public water supply and flood control. It was decided to ask the Conservation Commission members to submit their answers to the various questions, and the board will submit this information, as well as their own comments and remarks, to Rep. Hatch, in one complete and combined reply.

Questionaire received re: opinions of board concerning value of Hatch Act.

Discussions then followed regarding the establishment of a Learning Center at the Grossman Property on Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, and a letter was received from the local Kiwanis Club offering support of such a plan. Also a petition was received from many residents of North Chelmsford who had

Discussion re: Establishment of Learning Center.

Discussion held re: establishment of Learning Center at North Chelmsford.

expressed objections to the plans and they asked that this property not be used for this purpose. Mr. Doody gave a report to the board about a meeting which was held in North Chelmsford and he stated that a number of area residents were present. He explained that many persons present thought that the concept and idea was thought to be good, but they objected to the site as not being the best location. He also stated that the Drug Abuse Study Committee will meet on Nov. 30th to discuss the subject. Mr. Doody then asked that a reply be sent to the Kiwanis Club members to thank them for the support given, and to also ask if they would make a study of suitable locations for such a facility, and report to the local committee with their recommendations. He added that, as local businessmen, they might be well qualified to make such a study to find an alternate location for the Learning Center. Mr. Markham then commented on this subject; stating he had attended the meeting and he asked if the local Drug Abuse Study Committee had approved the site in North Chelmsford. Mr. Doody stated that four sits had been selected and this was one of them. Mr. Markham asked if Share, the regional group, required a recommendation from the local committee before deciding on a location for the Learning Center. Mr. Doody replied that Share must have our recommendation. Mr. Markham said that the town has made a commitment to the Regional Drug Program and the town should assist in the program, and it is highly possible that by doing so, Chelmsford can benefit. Mr. Doody, in conclusion, stated that a report of this subject will be made later to the Selectmen.

Conference with owners, and merchants and postal employees re: traffic and parking problems on Alpine Lane.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with several persons, including Charles Parlee, Emile Dumont, of Parlmont Realty Trust, George Hedrick, Manager of Alpine Lanes, Thaddeus W. Zabierek, President of the Postoffice Carriers' Union, and David Conrad, President of the Postoffice Clerks' Union, and John Curley of the Postoffice Staff. Postmaster Thomas Burke had been invited to be present, but was unable to attend. Also John Finn, Postoffice employee, was present. The meeting was called to discuss the traffic and parking problems which exist on Alpine Lane. Mr. Lannan read various letters which had been received, and sent out previously, relating to this subject. Then a discussion followed. Mr. Parlee explained that the main problem is the parking at the turn-around area, and the present conditions are unfair to the management and patrons of the Alpine Lanes, and when snow storms occur, the problems are greater. He stated that the problems are most acute during daytime hours, until 4:30 P.m. to 5:00 P.M. Mr. Hedrick concurred with these statements and he added that the problems during evening hours are not severe. Mr. Parlee commented that when the postoffice closes, the problem ends, and with the coming of snow, the problems worsen, as the snow banks use up needed parking space. Mr. Lannan stated that site inspections had been made and it had been suggested that lines be painted on the right-of-way and a berm installed in certain places, and if this was done, the number of parking spaces would be reduced in number. Mr. Parlee suggested that yellow lines be painted on the roadway and that no parking be allowed in the area for flow of traffic. Mr. Finn asked about the location of the street line. Mr. Lannan stated that the Town Engineer can determine the location, and that lines could be painted. Mr. Hedrick stated that he objected to the present habit of parking in the street, and in the area of the "U" turn. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Hedrick if the owners of the area toward Fletcher St. had ever considered having the street accepted. Mr. Hedrick stated he did not know of any reasons for doing this. Mr. Parlee then explained that postoffice employees park on our land and do not park on postoffice land. Mr. Finn explained that the postoffice now has twenty trucks and some space for patrons, and there are forty-two employees. Mr. Parlee explained that during the daytime the trucks are out, and the parking area is vacant, and the patrons could use the space now occupied by the postal employees. Mr. Zabierek acknowledged that the employees are involved and there are about thirty to forty cars owned by the employees which are parked in the general area. He then read some postal regulations concerning parking by the employees and for patrons, and the employees are the last ones to be considered on the list, but the regulations may change in the future. Mr. Zabierek stated that an agreement had been reached with Mr. Hedrick about parking for some employees but all employees are not accomodated. Mr. Zabierek stated he could see no parking problem at the turn around, but the problem was at the postoffice, and the carriers are not all to blame, as the patrons add to the problem. Mr. Lannan stated that he believed the board could take steps to solve the problem by painting lines. Mr. Doody commented that patrons do not know where to go, and to install curbing would be too drastic a measure, and he agreed that painting would be a good idea, and the turn-around should be marked off. He asked that the town engineer layout the street and then have the lines painted. Mr. Markham asked if other post offices allow parking and Mr. Parlee replied that other post offices do allow parking at the post office area when the trucks go out. Mr. Zabierek stated that such a plan would add much confusion. Mr. Parlee stated that such a plan would help some but all cars could not be taken care of. Then a discussion followed as to the use of other areas nearby. Mr. Markham stated he felt that painted lines would be helpful. Mr. Lannan stated that he felt the street should be laid out and he then commented that the present requirements of the Zoning By-Law may be violated at the post office. He then read from the by-law which requires that one parking space shall be available for every three employees and one parking space shall be available for every 150 sq. ft. of office space. Mr. Parlee stated he believed the postoffice would be subject to the local by-laws for parking. Mr. Lannan then asked if the board would want the Town Engineer to layout the street, with plans, etc. so that yellow solid lines can be painted to mark the street bounds, and the turn around. The board approved the suggestion, and then Mr. Doody moved, seconded by Mr. Markham, that the Town Engineer be instructed to commence this work, and to also have the Building Inspector determine if the Zoning By-Laws are now being violated as to the parking requirements. A vote in favor by the three members present followed. Mr. Markham then asked if the owner of the property, or the tenant should comply. Mr. Finn stated that Mr. Dumont and Mr. Parlee and the Postmaster had tried in the past to get more parking available, but obtaining the necessary funds from the federal government had not been successful. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Hedrick once again if the Alpine Lanes Company would want to have the road to Fletcher Street made as a public way and Mr. Hedrick replied that the company might not want to do this as it would cut the area in half. Then, in conclusion, Mr. Lannan stated that a meeting would be planned with the group after the line painting work had been accomplished, at which time a parking plan would be studied. Then the conference ended.

Conference continues with owners merchants and postal employees concerning parking and traffic problems along Alpine Lane.

Town Engineer requested to layout Alpine Lane to determine street bounds.

Bldg. Insp. requested to check zoning requirements for Post Office.

A letter was received from Mrs. Mary Pease, President of the League of Women Voters, stating that perhaps a vacancy might occur on the School Building Committee, and if so, she hoped the Selectmen would consider naming Mrs. Irene G. Margulies Also a letter of application for appointment was received from Mrs. Margulies. It was decided to investigate the procedure which should be followed if such a vacancy should occur.

Inquiries received re: possible vacancy on School Bldg. Com.

Conference planned with Police Station Addition Com.

It was decided to schedule a conference with the members of the Committee to Study Plans for a New Addition to the Police Station for Monday evening, November 29th, 1971 at 7:00 P.M.

Sidewalk requested for Acton Road.

A letter was received from Mr. Gerald Silver of 95 Acton Road, in which he requested the Selectmen to consider making plans for the installation of sidewalk facilities along Acton Road between High and Bartlett Streets. It was decided to hold the request with 1972 Budget Information for future study.

Traffic safety signs approved for Purcell Drive.

A report was received from the Police Chief with recommendations for the installation of certain traffic safety signs on Purcell Drive. The original request was one received by Mr. Markham from Mr. Michael P. O'Leary, of 4 Purcell Drive. The recommendation called for the placing of three signs; one a "Slow-Children;" one a "Dangerous Hill," and one a "Stop" sign. The Selectmen approved the recommendations and requested that the Highway Dept. prepare and install the signs.

Town Citizens make comments regarding program to fluoridate town water supplies.

A letter was received from Mary Lou and Eugene S. Muller, Jr., of 23 Longmeadow Drive, in which they made comments relating to the plans for fluoridation of town water supplies. The original copy of the communication had been directed to the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Doody suggested that the board now obtain comments from the Advisory Council, to learn their position in this matter. Then Mrs. Marion Dempsey reported to the board that such a reply has been prepared by Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, Chairman, and that the Chelmsford Sentinel had received a copy, and that the original copy of the reply had been sent to the Selectmen and we would undoubtedly receive same within a day or so. It was decided, upon learning these facts, to take no action at this time.

School Supt. requests that Selectmen authorize the re-hiring of retirees. Selectmen do not approve request and ask for more information.

The board then discussed the subject of offering their approval to the re-hiring of certain School Dept. retirees, from the Middlesex County Retirement System, for temporary work, for a period of ninety days. The board agreed that they should not take action, as requested by the School Supt., due to the high level of unemployment in the area, and not until these unemployed in town do not wish to serve or are not available. Mr. Markham spoke on this subject and he inquired if the three persons in question should not be paid for time already worked, and before the Administration was aware that retires can not be rehired before the Selectmen act. It was decided to obtain additional data on this aspect of the question.

Discussion held re: various votes taken at last adjourned session of Special Town Meeting re: Land Acquisition, and return of funds to Surplus Revenue.

Then a long discussion followed regarding the action taken by the voters at the past Special Town Meeting Adjourned Session on Nov. 22nd, 1971, at which time much confusion resulted relating to the passage of Articles 19 (To acquire land of D. & B. Home Builders, Inc. at, or near Russell Mill Pond) and to reconsider Article 16 (To return funds to Surplus Revenue Account.) The board members expressed the thought that there was now need for a clarification of the action and motions taken, in their proper order of sequence of events. Mr. Lannan recommended that the Town Counsel take immediate steps to prepare an Order of Taking, for this land, so there will be no delay in the procedures to take title to the land. Mr. Lannan stated he felt if there are no legal difficulties about the town meeting action; then the work to file the Order of Taking, will be well along; and if there are legal problems, the execution of the Order of Taking could then be delayed. Other members of the board concurred with this suggestion. Mr. Lannan also recommended that the Town Counsel study the votes taken at the Special Town Meeting to be certain that all votes are legal. Mr. Doody agreed with this suggestion and he emphasized that early response is needed. It was also decided that the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health should be informed that the board now seeks clarification of these votes. Mr. Markham suggested that the Town Counsel come before the board, very soon, perhaps at the next meeting to offer a report on his study of these votes. The members agreed to this plan. It was also decided to request the Building Inspector to inform the Selectmen when and if building permits are taken out by the D. & B. Home Builders, Inc., at their property near Russell Mill Pond.

Information was received from the Highway Dept. Office that the work of widening the driveway entrances at the J. M. Fields Store, had been finished. Mr. Doody requested that the board send a letter of thanks and appreciation to the company management for the cooperation the town received, and it now appeared that the changes have done a great deal to alleviate the traffic problems.

Letter of thanks to b sent to the JMFields Co. for cooperation given to the town.

The board then discussed the arrangements which should now be made for the holding of interviews to fill positions under the EEA program. Mr. Lannan suggested that Mr. John Clark, Project Director, set up the sheets for interview work based on priorities, and that appointments could be made very soon if interview work is concluded. Mr. Doody suggested that the board schedule interviews for Sunday, Nov. 28th, 1971 at half hour intervals. Mr. Lannan offered to assist, and the board agreed to have Mr. Lannan commence the work to schedule the interviews.

Interviews planned to fill jobs under EEA program.

Mr. Markham reported that he had received a request for a street light installation for Chatham Road, on Pole No. 437 over 9. It was decided to have this matter checked when last part of annual survey is made.

Street Light Request Received.

Mr. Markham called attention to the plans for holding a Seminar on Data Processing at the Nashoba Vocational School on Dec. 1st, at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Markham asked that information about this Seminar be forwarded to the town Data Processing Committee, with a special invitation to attend from Mr. Markham, a member of the Nashoba School Committee.

Notice of Data Processing Seminar received and discussed.

Mr. Lannan then asked if the board members wished to consider the appointment of a person to hired as Administrative Assistant under the Consortiu Mr. Doody suggested that the board wait for a time when all the members are present to consider this matter.

Board postpones action re: hiring of Adm. Assist for EEA.

Reports were received from the Police Dept. and Highway Dept. relating to the automobile accident of Martin K. Bovey, of 115 High Street, on Oct. 22nd, 1971 on Acton Rd. The Police Dept. reported that Mr. Bovey had not notified them of this incident, and the Highway Dept. reported they knew of the accident and that warning signs were in place, and that other cars had traveled over the area without any difficulty. It was decided to forward the matter to the Town Counsel with a request that he determine if this is a just claim, and then to inform the board, of his recommendations.

Automobile Damage Claim forwarded to Town Couns

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Meeting adjourns.

The following-mentioned Liquor License Renewals were acted upon after the conclusion of the business meeting of Nov. 23rd, 1971. (License forms show date of granting on Nov. 22nd, 1971.)

All Alcoholic Club Licenses: (Fees: $100.00 each.)

1. American Legion, Alberton W. Vinal Post 313, Inc., Willis Dr. & Groton Rd.,
2. Chelmsford Elks, Inc. 300 Littleton Road
3. C U F Club, Inc., 21 Quigley Avenue

Licenses Granted.

Common Victualer, Alcoholic: (Fees: $1,000.00 each)

1. Bill Burns, Inc., d/b/a The Banqueteer, 225 Littleton Road
2. Deans's Food, Inc., d/b/a The Glenview Lounge 248 Princeton Street
3. Hong & Kong Restaurant, Inc. 32 Alpine Lane
4. Mai Kai Inc., d/b/a Mai Kai Restaurant, 131 Drum Hill Road
5. Meadow Grill of Chelmsford, Inc., 100 Tyngsboro Road
6. Princeton Lounge, Inc., 147 Princeton Street
7. Rainbow Spa., Inc. 294 & 296 Billerica Road
8. Roselyn Shops of Chelmsford, Inc. d/b/a Howard Johnson's, 185 Chelmsford Street
9. Skip's Diner, Inc. 116 Chelmsford Street

Licenses Granted.

Common Victualer, Wines and Malt Beverages: (Fees: $200.00 each)

1. Chelmsford Country Club, Inc. 66 Park Road
2. Klav Corp., d/b/a Lum's, 86 Chelmsford Street

Druggist License: (Fees: $300.00 each)

1. The Chelmsford Pharmacy, Inc. 19 Alpine Lane
2. C. Richmond Page & David R. Page, d/b/a Page's Drug Store, 34 Central Square

Retail Package Goods Store, Alcoholic: (Fees: $1,200.00 each)

1. Chelmsford Package Store, Inc., 149 Gorham Street
2. Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., 37 Central Square
3. Drum Hill Liquor Mart, Inc., 63 Drum Hill Road
4. Hindman's Market, Inc., 229 Chelmsford Street
5. North Chelmsford Wine & Liquor Co., Inc. 2 Vinal Square

Retail Package Goods Store, Wines and Malt Beverages: (Fees: $300.00 each)

1. John J. McEnaney, d/b/a McEnaney's Market, 65-67 Middlesex Street
2. Charles Vrouhas, d/b/a Hi-Way Farm Market, 259 Littleton Road

For the Board of Selectmen,
by, AH Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Nov. 29th, 1971; 7:00 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Doody was not present.

Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters Present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:00 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:05 P.M.
3. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:15 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until about 10:10 P.M. with the exception of Mr. Harrington, who departed at 10:00 P.M.

Conference with members of Committee to Study Need for New Addition at the Police Station.

At 7:00 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Committee for Study of a New Addition for the Police Station. Those present included Police Chief Robert E. Germann, Bldg. Inspector Peter J. McHugh, Jr., Officer Barnard L. George and Mr. John H.Kelly, Jr., Member-at-Large. A plan was displayed to show the building floor areas, with new rooms to be added, and Chief Germann explained the purposes of each new area. He stated that the committee will now plan to submit two articles for the warrant of the March 1972 Annual Town Meeting to obtain funds for planning, and engaging architect, and to appoint a Building Committee. It was stated that an attempt would be made to keep the final costs under $5,000. The Selectmen concurred with the proposals to date and will wait for the articles to be submitted for further study.

Minutes approved.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 10th, 1971.

Minutes of two meetings not approved at this time.

It was decided not to take any action to approve and accept the minutes of meetings of Nov. 17th, 1971 and Nov. 23rd, 1971, until the board members had more time to read the contents of each report.

License Granted.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to grant a renewal of a Sunday Entertainment License to Charles F. Dinnigan, d/b/a North Chelmsford Bowling Alleys at 20 Vinal Square, for the period 12/5/71 to 11/26/72, with the exception of Easter Sunday, and period during summer months from 6/1/72 to 9/1/72. Fees: To State $50.00; To Town $76.00

Transfer of Liquor License from Individual to a Corporation approved.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to approve the change of ownership of liquor license establishment known as Julia Chianis, d/b/a Ted's Market, to Ted's Market, Inc., Julia C. Chianis, Manager, at 271 Chelmsford Street. All papers had been filed as required for this change of ownership from an individual to a corporation. Fee: For 1972 Renewal: $200.00, and Advertising Costs of $8.75, for a Retail Package Goods Store, for sale of Wines and Malt Beverages.

A report was received from the Acting Supt. of Streets stating that the work to construct the addition to the Highway Dept. Garage had been completed and had been inspected by him and the Bldg. Inspector. The Chairman, Mr. Lannan, indicated he would visit the site to see the finished building, after which Notices of Completed Project will be sent to the Agway Co.

Notice rec'd. that Highway Garage Addition has been completed.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Memorial Day Committee for 1972; both members to represent the American Legion Post 366, and both terms to expire: 11/1/72:

1. Manuel F. Sousa, 26 Carleton Avenue,
2. Timothy F. O'Connor, 45 Gorham Street.

Memorial Day Committee Members for 1972 Appointed.

A Temporary Wine & Malt Beverages License was granted to the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club for Dec. 11th, 1971, at 160 Mill Road, for the monthly meeting and social. Fee: $0.50

License Granted.

A letter was received and read from the Environmental Advisory Council stating that the council planned to offer information on the subject of fluoridation of town public water supplies, but would not offer a recommendation in favor or in opposition, and the voters would be free to make a decision by themselves. Mr. Humphrey stated that he felt references had been made in town that the Selectmen had not taken a stand on this subject. He then said that the board did take a stand on the issue, perhaps as long as two years ago. Mr. Humphrey then recommended that the subject be placed before the voters as a referendum for the ballot of the Annual Town Election in March 1972. Mr. Markham commented that the state legislation governing this subject has changed in recent years and perhaps the Selectmen should have all data available to them. He also suggested that the feelings of the board concerning advisability of having a referendum be called to the attention of the Board of Health. Mr. Humphrey then suggested that a motion be made. Then on a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to forward a request to the Board of Health to ask that they take the necessary steps to place the question of the fluoridation of town water supplies as a referendum on the ballot for the Annual Town Meeting of March 1 972, and to also forward to the Selectmen information as to the procedures outlined in the present legislation concerning this subject. Mr. Humphrey stated that the Selectmen could place the item on the ballot if the Board of Health did not wish to.

Discussion follows re: fluoridation of town water supplies. Inquiry to be sent to Board of Health, to obtain further details.

A letter was received from Mr. John J. Healion of 3 Tadmuck Road, in which he called attention to certain drainage problems on Tadmuck Road, and that catch basins are needed. It was decided to forward the subject to the Acting Supt. of Streets, for his investigation and study, and to request that he submit, in writing, his recommendations, with cost estimates, to the board. It was also decided to forward an acknowledgement to Mr. Healion stating that the matter is under study, and that corrections probably could not be done until next Spring, as funds are not presently available.

Request for improvements in Tadmuck Road drainage system.

It was decided to forward an inquiry to the School Building Committee to ask if they have any knowledge of an impending vacancy on their committee, and to make reply to the Selectmen about this matter. It was also decided to forward a copy of the state statute regarding filling of vacancies on boards and committees in the event they would need to know the procedures to be followed if a vacancy should occur.

Inquiry to be sent to School Bldg. Committee re: possible vacancy.

A letter was received from Atty. Philip S. Nymen in which he stated he had been selected as negotiator for the Chelmsford Firefighters' Union, and that he would be available to commence the Labor Negotiations for a new contract at a time convenient for the Selectmen. It was decided to forward a reply to Atty. Nymen stating that the board would contact him soon to commence these negotiations.

Labor Negotiations for Fire Dept. to commence.

The Selectmen received and accepted the resignation of Mrs. Eleanor A. Maddox as a member of the Town Celebration Committee. It was decided to forward a letter of thanks to Mrs. Maddox for her services to the town.

Resignation received.

Information received from School Dept. re: Salary & Wage Payments. Selectmen request amt. of retroactive pay to be held aside.

A letter was received from the Supt. of Schools, Dr. Thomas L. Rivard, in which he explained what steps the School Department will now take for the payment of wage and salary increases to school personnel, based on information received from the federal agency which controls Wage & Price Freeze requirements. The letter contained information that certain increases would be paid on next payroll, effective Nov. 15th, 1971, and that retroactive pay increases had not been settled as yet. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a determination of the amount of retroactive pay should be made by the School Department, and that the Selectmen should be so informed, and that the Town Accountant, should then hold this sum aside, and ear mark it for return to Surplus Revenue, as proof that the funds were not expended.

Questionnaire received re: Capital Improvement Program.

A questionnaire was received from the state Dept. of Community Affairs, relating to the subject of a Capital Improvement Program, and to learn if the town has such a committee. Mr. Humphrey commented that the town boards do consider capital improvement budgeting on a priority basis, and this fact should be mentioned in the report that would be sent to the state agency. It was decided that the Adm. Assist. should complete the questionnaire and forward same to the state agency.

Zoning question arises relating to use of property as Learning Center.

A letter was received from the Bldg. Insp. in which he reported that the condition of the Grossman building on Middlesex Street was such that its use as a Learning Center by Share would be possible, but he raised questions as to the zoning, and if the Center would be a legal use, under the present code. He suggested that the question be placed before the Town Counsel. Mr. Markham suggested that the board delay taking this action, as recommended by the Bldg. Insp., until such time as the board can hear the report from Mr. Doody at the next meeting, at which time the Selectmen would learn of the recommendations of the local Drug Abuse Study Committee. The other members of the board concurred with this suggestion.

Inquiry to be sent to Plan. Bd. re: preparation of By-Law to control dumping of debris on private property.

It was decided to make an inquiry to the Planning Board to learn the progress that they might be making on the plans to prepare a by-law for consideration at the coming Annual Town Meeting to control the dumping of fill, and debris on private property. The subject had been forwarded to the Planning Board sometime earlier for their study and preparation.

Budget Conference held with members of Recreation Commission.

At 8:10 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Recreation Commission. Those present included William A. Dempster, Jr., Chairman, Paul W. Murphy, Haworth C. Neild, and Edward J. Quinn, Director. A discussion was held relating to the Recreation Commission Budget for 1972, and sheets with amounts and explanatory notes were given to each Selectmen. Mr. Dempster explained many of the details, concerning older programs, and new programs that will be commenced. He stated there will be a new Football program and the first year starting costs would be high; but it was expected that costs would be much lower in succeeding years. Also there was a discussion regarding the Hockey Program, one of the most popular of all that are offered, and it was stated that the Hockey Assn. is now commencing the fund drive for the building of an indoor rink and that first indications have revealed much enthusiasm and phenomal support. Mr. Dempster also emphasized that the entire annual program received a tremendous amount of volunteer help and thus assures the success of the programs at moderate costs to the town. The Selectmen stated, at the conclusion of the conference, that they favored the budget, as presented, and they would support it.

Inquiry to be sent to Com. Serv. Bureau re: future use of room

It was decided to inquire from the Community Services Bureau if they still planned to use the storage room at the Center Town Hall.

At 9:00 P.M. a conference was held with the Town Counsel, Atty. Clement McCarthy, to discuss the action taken at the recent Special Town Meeting, on Articles 16 and 19, which related to the return of certain Health Dept. funds to the Surplus Revenue Account and the acquisition of land of D & B Home Builders, Inc., at Russell Mill Pond. The meeting had been requested by the board to clarify the action taken, and to determine if the votes, as recorded, are legal. Mr. McCarthy informed the board that he had only received the transcript of the minutes of the meeting on Nov. 29th, at 2:30 P.M. and had not had sufficient time in which to make a thorough study. He stated, however, he did have some questions about the legality of certain actions, and he felt that the Town Clerk's records were not comprehensive and that an immediate decision is not possible. A long discussion followed and it was was felt that a further study would be necessary. It was emphasized that the board, in this study, would be attempting to confirm the action of the voters at the town meeting. Mr. McCarthy suggested that certain aspects of the action taken at the town meeting should be discussed with the Director of Accounts to determine if that office approves of the action taken, insofar as the disbursement of funds in the future is concerned. Then Mr. Humphrey moved to authorize the Town Counsel to prepare a legal opinion for the Selectmen on the actions taken at the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Hart seconded the motion, and then all members present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. McCarthy indicated to the board that he would have his reply ready for the meeting of Dec. 6th, 1971. Mr. Humphrey then suggested that if questions do arise in the Town Counsel's opinion that an inquiry be sent to the Director of Accounts to clarify if any of the actions taken were improper or illegal, and if it is found that certain actions were illegal, he would request that a Special Town Meeting be called for this subject alone.

Conference with Town Counsel to discuss legality of articles passed at Special Town Meeting.

Town Counsel authorized to prepare legal opinion concerning Town Meeting action.

The Town Counsel then stated that he must now work on a case involving the Board of Appeals and the property of Mr. Hamel which had been initiated by the Barrett family sometime ago, and he asked the board's permission to do this work. The Selectmen grated authorization for Mr. McCarthy to work on this case.

Town Counsel authorized to defend town in lawsuit against Bd. of Appeals.

The Selectmen received appointment notice forms for the naming of an Intermittent Police Officer but no list of certified candidates accompanied the forms, from Civil Serive. It was decided to inquire from the Police Chief as to his recommendations.

Civil Service sends forms for appmt. of Int. Patrolman.

Mr. Humphrey asked for the status of employment of a Mr. Knox as an Intermittent Officer of the Police Department; such report to be made available to him later.

Inquiry made re: status of certain Police Off.

Three petitions were received for the board to consider the installation of certain traffic safety signs along Old Westford Road, in vicinity of the Westford Town Line. It was decided to forward the information to the Police Department, Traffic Division, for an investigation, and a filing of a report with recommendations later to the Selectmen.

Survey to be made on Old Westford Rd. re: need for Traffic Safety Signs.

Mr. Lannan then spoke on the excellent performance of work by the complete Highway Department staff during the time of the severe snow storm on the Thanksgiving Holiday. Mr. Lannan stated that the department deserved much commendation and he added that the Chairman of the School Committee had also orally commended the Highway Department personnel for the work done at school facilities, to have them ready for use on Monday, Nov. 29th.

Highway Dept. commended re: snow removal work.

Notice given that town needs to hire additional snow plowing equipment.

Mr. Humphrey then explained that the Highway Department had encountered difficulty in the hiring of snow plowing equipment and that many available plows had been rented to the state inasmuch as the state hourly rental rates were substantially higher than the town rates. He then suggested that the press reporters write up news items on this subject and inform prospective applicants to apply to the Acting Supt. of Streets, as additional pieces of snow plowing equipment are needed for future storms.

Appointments made under EEA Program for Consortium and for two town positions.

Mr. Lannan then gave a report of the work done by certain members of the board for the interviewing of candidates for appointments under the Emergency Employment Act. He stated that as a result of the interviews on Nov. 28th, 1971 and discussions, final recommendations had been made to appoint the following-mentioned persons:

1. As Administrative Assistant for the Consortium:
   John C. Alden, of 8 Nadine Road,
2. As Automobile Mechanic for the Police Department of Town ofChelmsfor
   Joseph F. Sgro, 75 Old Stage Road,
3. As Planner for the Highway Department of Town of Chelmsford.
   Stephen W. Grunewald, 176 North Road.

Mr. Lannan stated that the appointments would be effective on Dec. 1st, 1971. He also stated that two positions; those of Draftsman for the Highway Department, and Industrial Commission Representative, would be filled within a few days. Then Mr. Lannan asked that a vote be taken on these appointments, and he stepped down from the chair to make the motion, which was then seconded by Mr. Humphrey, and voted by the members present.

Business Meeting concluded.

The business meeting then concluded at 10:10 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Selectmen study Budget Requests for 1972.

Members requested to study applications for appointment of Labor Relations Advisor.

Town Engineer requested to prepare plans for Acceptance of Lafayette Terrace.

After the business meeting, the members then worked on the various 1972 Budget figures under their jurisdiction. Several requests and decisions were reached as follows:

1. That a survey should be made of the towns of Billerica, Tewksbury and Dracut to learn the amounts of salaries of the Chairmen and board members for 1971 and the requests for 1972.
2. That each member of the board should study the folder with applications for appointment as a Labor Relations Advisor and make his recommendations at the meeting of Dec. 6th, 1971.
3. That budget for Public Bldgs. Dept. should include funds for three air conditioners for the Center Town Hall.
4. That the Street Lighting Budget for 1972 shall include cost for new lighting at Varney Playgrounf.
5. That the Town Engineer should be instructed to prepare and submit Street Acceptance Plan & Description in 1972 for Lafayette Terrace.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Jurors Drawn.

On Nov. 30th, 1971, the following-named Jurors were drawn by Mr. Lannan:

1. Brewster A. Thorburn, 26 Carriage Drive, For Cambridge Sup.Ct.
2. Sharon Lee McClellan, 138 Tyngsboro Road, " " " "
3. William R. Ohla, 27 Whippletree Road, " " " "
4. Ronald J. Stapleton, 10 Rio Grande Drive, " Lowell Sup. Court.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Dec. 6th, 1971; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:

1. Charles D. Harrington of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:17 PM. Mr. Harrington departed at approximately 10:00 P.M.
2. *Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:29 PM.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:32 P.M. Mrs. Kierce departed at approximately 10:45 P.M.

*Denotes reporter remained at meeting until time of adjournment.

Reporters Present.

In the presence of the Town Clerk, Mrs. Charlotte P. DeWolf, the following-named Jurors were drawn:

1. Bradford L. Swimm, 29 Amble Road, For Lowell Superior Court.
2. John S. Scott, Jr., 235 Chelmsford Street, " " "
3. Thomas F. Flynn, 140 Warren Avenue, " " "
4. Joseph C. Demers, 146 Main Street, " " "
5. Donald A. Upton, 16 Pleasant Street, For Cambridge Superior Court.
6. Louise M. Greig, 11 Hornbeam Hill Rd., " " " "

Jurors Drawn.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the board held Nov. 17th, 1971.

Minutes accepted.

The board then decided to postpone taking any action on the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 23rd, 1971 until Mr. Markham arrives.

Other minutes not acted upon.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Memorial Day Committee for the year 1972; both to be representatives from the American Legion Post 212, and both terms to expire: Nov. 1, 1972:

1. William C. Clarke, 14 New Fletcher Street,
2. Donald A. House, 189 Boston Road,

Members of Memorial Day Committee Appointed.

A letter was received from the Police Chief in which he requested that the board consider placing an item in its own budget for the sum of $1,500.00 to be used, if necessary, for the town to participate in a Tactical Unit Plan. It was decided to discuss this subject later, before making a final decision.

Board postpones action on funds for Police Tactical Unit Plan.

A letter was received from the Boston Herald, relating to their radio station public service broadcasts, at which time an inquiry was received relating to the reasons why traffic signals had not been installed at the intersection of Routes 110 and 129. It was decided that a reply should be prepared to inform the station that surveys had been made and it was the considered opinion of various officials that, in this case, the signals should not be installed.

Inquiry received re: need for lights at intersection

The Police Chief forwarded information for an article for the Annual Town Meeting for naming of a committee to study the subject of an Addition to the Police Station, and to request a certain sum of money for seeking plans and specifications.

Article received for Police Station Addition

A letter from Mr. James B. O'Neil was received in which he stated he was the owner of property at 97-101 Boston Road, and the property is located at a curve in the road, and numerous accidents had occurred in the past, with a total amount of substantial property damages. He requested that steps be taken to install suitable protective devices to improve public safety. Mr. Lannan suggested that the subject be forwarded to the Traffic Division of the Police Department for their recommendations. Mr. Doody asked that a report be submitted as to the history of accidents. Mr. Hart asked that mention be given of a recent accident across the street

Letter rec'd re: need for traffic safety measures at Boston Road.

Subject forwarded to Police Dept.

where a utility pole was struck. All members agreed that a study of the subject should now proceed.

Board Member arrives at meeting.

At this point Mr. Markham arrived at the meeting.

Notice of court decision rec'd.

A letter was received from Atty. Clement McCarthy in which he stated that the court had rendered a decision in the Starr Gasoline Storage Case favorable to the town. Mr. Lannan read the decision aloud and it was decided to place the court document on file.

Proofreader appointed for Town Report work.

Mrs. Kathryn E. Coburn was named as Proofreader for the work to compile the Annual Town Report of 1971.

Town Counsel submits Legal Opinion concerning Town Meeting action. Board decides to hold conference with Director of Accounts and meet with various town officials at next regular session to discuss Land Acquisition of D&B Property

Then a legal opinion was partially read and discussed which had been received from the Town Counsel, relating to the action taken at the past Special Town Meeting under Articles 16 and 19. Mr. McCarthy stated that it was his opinion that the vote under Article 19 was illegal, and he further questioned the action taken under Article 16, and suggested that a conference be held with the Director of Accounts about this particular vote, to further determine the legality. Mr. Humphrey suggested that only certain portions of the opinion be read publicly in order to protect the town's interest in the future purchase of the Russell Mill Pond Area. The discussion then centered around plans for the conference with Mr. Arthur MacKinnon, Director of Accounts, and it was decided to see if an appointment could be arranged for Thursday, Dec. 9th, 1971 at 8:45 A.M. at the State Office Building, Boston, and that the Town Counsel, the Town Accountant, and members of the board attend. Mr. Humphrey stated that he would be willing to attend, and it was left that he would represent the board at the conference. Then Mr. Humphrey, after making the suggestion, moved to plan a conference on Monday, Dec. 13th, 1971 at 8:30 P.M. for the Selectmen to meet with the Town Counsel, Moderator, a representative from the Finance Committee, and a representative from the Conservation Commission, preferably the Chairman, Mr. Polubinski, and others who wished to be present, and one or two residents of the Mill Road area, who are most interested in this land taking project, to discuss the entire matter and to take whatever steps may be necessary to rectify the illegal votes at the Special Town Meeting, in order to carry out the wishes of the voters. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Subject of fluoridation comes before the board. Papers drawn from files re: past actions.

The board had previously requested that all past correspondence relating to the subject of fluoridation of town water supplies be drawn from the files, and made available for the members to read. Mr. Lannan suggested at this point that the board members review the package of papers to re-acquaint themselves with the past actions of the board, and that later the board then could decide what steps to take next.

Minutes of meeting of 11/23/71 accepted after amendment is made.

Then the board considered the approving and acceptance of minutes of the meeting of Nov. 23rd, 1971. Mr. Doody requested that one change be made on Page 6, relating to subject of school department retirees, and that the wording should state "Mr. Markham inquired" instead of making mention that both "Mr. Markham and Mr. Doody spoke." Then Mr. Doody moved, seconded by Mr. Markham, that the minutes be approved and accepted, with the aforementioned amendment. A unanimous vote followed.

Report rec'd. that Drug Learning Center will not be located at Grossman Property.

The board then discussed the subject of the proposed Learning Center to be operated at Grossman Property in North Chelmsford by the regional drug agency. Mr. Doody reported to the board that the local taskforce committee did not recommend the use of this property for this purpose, due to the number of objections received from the residents of North Chelmsford. Mr. Doody further reported that a study is underway to find a suitable alternate location. It was agreed that the subject should not now be forwarded to the Town Counsel to resolve a question of zoning at the Middlesex St. property.

A discussion then followed relating to the filling of a vacancy on the Town Celebration Committee. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to appoint William F. Fitzpatrick, of 111 Locke Road, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Eleanor Maddox, who served as Member at Large. (Term to expire: 3/1972.)

Member of Town Celebration Comm. Appointed.

Then Mr. Markham asked that a letter be sent to Post 366 to state that, at the present there is no vacancy on the Town Celebration Committee for representative from the Legion Posts, but the Selectmen would like to learn from Post 366, the name of the nominee of the person who is interested to serve. A letter had been received some months ago stating that a member of the organization would like to serve on this committee.

Inquiry to be sent to Legion Post for name of nominee for Town Celebration Comm.

At 8:10 P.M. a conference commenced with Mr. Bernholdt Nystrom, Administrative Coordinator, for the Nashoba Valley Technical High School to discuss the implementation of a program approved by the Vocational School Committee for Home Building. Mr. Nystrom spoke on the curriculum which is now being planned and he asked that the Selectmen for a parcel of tax title land to be assigned to the Nashoba School, so that a dwelling can be built by the students in Chelmsford. After the house is built, he explained, that the school will seek bids for the sale of the house, and there would be no cost to the taxpayers. He said that all costs would be carefully recorded, and the supplies and materials; even plumbing and wiring, would be purchased on a lien basis, and when the house is sold, the liens will be paid off. He said he would like to see Chelmsford to be the first community to participate. He also stated that any profit made on the project, after sale of the house, would be credited to the following-year's budget of the town where the house is located. He explained that such a plan might well stimulate the enrollment from Chelmsford, and additional students might come into the program. He said the land titles would be examined by the Attorneys for the Nashoba School and the town. He said that definite plans are underway to start the program during the Spring of 1972, and they already have plans for an eight room house with two baths. He emphasized that the quality of the workmanship would be high, and they would work closely with the Building Inspector, and code underwriters and the department of public safety. He added that a one-half acre lot would be the minimum size. Mr. Humphrey stated that town meeting action is needed and he also advised that percolation tests be made. Mr. Nystrom stated that there plan was to erect one house per year, and a municipal building every other year. He said that masonry, presently, is not a course at the school. When the house is finished, he added, an Open House will be held and brochures will be distributed, and cost data to be available, and they will work with local banks for loan approvals. After thirty days from time of Open House, bids will be received and there will be no limitations on the bidding, and the land and building will be evaluated for purchase of selling and the school will convey title to the successful purchaser. Mr. Doody spoke on the objectives of the program, saying that the plan should improve the skills of the students, and should interest both the parents and students to a great extent. Mr. Doody then made the suggestion that a Youth Center Project be considered for Chelmsford. Mr. Nystrom replied that this was the third such request, and they do want to build the houses and also municipal buildings. Mr. Doody then explained that we presently have a Youth Center Study Committee and there would, he felt, be much support for such a project. Mr. Nystrom

Conference held with Adm. Coordinator of Nashoba Vocational School to discuss House Building Program.

then offered to change the plans for Chelmsford from a house project to that of building a Youth Center. Mr. Humphrey then raised the question of costs, and Mr. Nystrom replied that for a project such as this, the Selectmen, or the town would pay the bills. Mr. Humphrey then said that appropriations would have to be set up and design plans would be needed. Mr. Nystrom stated that the school can prepare the plans for a Youth Center now. Mr. Hart asked about the type of building to be built, and he inquired if it would be fire resistant. Mr. Nystrom replied that the type of construction would depend on the size and for certain types, a wood-frame type building could be used. Mr. Markham stated that he was in agreement with the plan as outlined, but he was concerned about the bidding procedures, and that all such procedures had not been finalized as yet, and he stated that he could see no problems now that would foreshadow the program, He concurred on the need for a Youth Center. Then Mr. Lannan asked if all the members favored participating in this program, and no objections were forthcoming. Mr. Lannan then suggested that the board notify the Nashoba officials of this approval, and the board should now determine if there is available land, at suitable locations and properly zoned, for these uses. Mr. Nystrom asked that the board notify school officials if a Youth Center is to be planned, and then forward information about the land where it would be constructed, and then the plans and designs can be worked on. Mr. Markham stated that it might take one year to design a center, and another year to build it. Mr. Lannan suggested that a motion be made by the board for construction of a Youth Center, and he suggested that the work of coordination be done by Mr. Doody. Then Mr. Doody suggested that it might be best to consider the plan in a broader sense; such as calling the facility a Community Center. Mr. Humphrey asked if the school would draw up the designs now and Mr. Nystrom replied that they would, and they would make up five types for the board to review and then make a selection. Mr. Humphrey then said that there is a question if the voters will approve such a project, and if they do not, then the design plans will be lost. Mr. Nystrom stated that, in a sense they would not be lost, as this would be part of the training and educational program. At this point Mr. Doody moved that the Selectmen support and favor plan for a building program, and the first priority to be a Community Center, and they also work on a house program. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the second proposal be a house program. Mr. Markham offered a suggestion that the design plans be made up first for a Youth Center and then they could be easily expanded to a Community Center. Then Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion that the projects be approved on a priority basis; first for the Community Center, and then for a House. Mr. Lannan amended the motion to name Mr. Doody as the member from the board to be coordinator. Then Mr. Humphrey seconded this amendment from the chair, and it was so voted. Mr. Doody indicated he would accept the title of coordinator. Mr. Doody also asked that the board inform the Youth Center Study Committee of these events, and this vote this evening, and to ask that the Youth Center Study Committee lend their support to the program. Other members of the board approved this suggestion.

Conference continues with Adm. Coordinator of Nashoba Vocational School re: House Building Program.

Selectmen vote to approve and support a Vocational School Building Program for Chelmsford.

Board discusses appointment of a Labor Relations Advisor.

Mr. Lannan then stated the board should now consider the subject of appointment of a Labor Relations Advisor. Mr. Doody stated that action should be taken now, and the matter should not be delayed. Mr. Humphrey concurred and then he presented to the board some thoughts and suggestions. He asked that the board consider emulating the action of the School Committee, and not appoint a Labor Relations Advisor, in the interests of economy, but that the Selectmen, the department head, and a member of the Personnel Board be the negotiating team. He added that with contracts already in force, the only business will be the amending of the contracts to meet the new changes, and the board can engage the Town Counsel to assist. Mr. Hart agreed with the plan but called attention to the fact that he is new on the board has had not had experience in such matters, and he stated he would need help and advice. Mr. Markham stated he felt the board has received a number of applications which were very good and he suggested that a few interviews be planned. Mr. Markham stated that the board will be dealing with an attorney, in the case of the Fire Dept. negotiations, and he felt it was advisable to have a balanced table, so called. Then Mr. Lannan explained some of the procedures followed in the past and he agreed that the suggestion of Mr. Humphrey was a good one. Mr. Humphrey emphasized that two members of the board had worked on contracts in prior years and the final decisions as to the amendments would be made by the five members of the board. Mr. Markham suggested that two members of the board participate in each negotiating team. Then a discussion followed with various questions being asked and answers given relating to past procedures. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the board not vote to appoint a Labor Relations Advisor, and that the Selectmen take immediate steps to set up a negotiating team, with one or two board members, the department head and a member of the Personnel Board. Mr. Doody then asked if it might be advisable to keep the appointment open for a Labor Relations Advisor since the Police Department were about to vote whether they would be represented by a union, and if so, in this case a new contract must be drawn up and approved, and the board might want and need the advice of such an advisor. Mr. Humphrey commented that the Selectmen could make such an appointment later, if the need should arise. Then Mr. Doody seconded the motion made by Mr. Humphrey. Mr. Markham stated he would approve this plan provided the board can be sure that the Town Counsel feels he can assist, if needed. Mr. Humphrey then amended his motion to state that two members of the board would be on the negotiating team. Mr. Doody suggested then that the subject be tabled until it is definitely known if we will have two or three bargaining units, and the board did not appear to want to accept this postponement. Mr. Doody then commented that one member of the board would be sufficient to serve on each team and he amended the motion. Mr. Markham stated he had reservations about the matter due to the questions about the Police Department, and a Labor Relations Advisor might be helpful in this new area. Then Mr. Humphrey rephrased his motion to not vote to appoint a Labor Relations Advisor; to proceed with the negotiations for bargaining at hand; that the negotiating team will be comprised of a member of the Board of Selectmen, the department head, and a member of the Personnel Board, and they to designate the person to serve. Mr. Hart seconded this motion. Mr. Markham questioned if the second member of the board could be an observer or particapate. It was agreed that the second member could be an observer or perhaps an alternate. Then a vote was called by the Chairman. Mr. Doody stated he could not vote in favor of the motion. Then Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan voted in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion held regarding setting up of Labor Negotiation Teams.

Board votes not to hire Labor Relations Advisor and to establish Labor Contract Negotiation Teams.

It was decided at this point to name the negotiator for the Highway Department Bargaining Team. On a motion by Mr. Lannan, who stepped down from the chair, seconded by Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey was named as the Selectmen's Representative. Mr. Humphrey accepted and all members voted in favor, with no votes to oppose being recorded.

Board's representative for Highway Negotiating Team apptd.

Then Mr. Lannan, stepped down from the chair, and moved that Mr.

Doody be named the Selectmen's Representative to negotiate with the Fire Department Union. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously, with no votes recorded in opposition. Mr. Doody accepted the appointment.

Board's Representative for Fire Dept. Negotiating Team Apptd.

Then Mr. Lannan asked if the members had any preference as to the naming of alternates or observers and Mr. Markham asked that he and Mr. Hart be notified of all meetings and they would choose the sessions to attend. This was agreed by all members.

Other board members to serve as observers and/or alternates for Labor Negotiation Teams.

The Selectmen at this point named the Fire Chief as the designated member of the negotiating team for the Fire Dept. contract discussions

The Selectmen then named the Acting Supt. of Streets as the designated member of the negotiating tem for the Highway Dept. contract discussions.

Acting Supt. of Streets & Fire Chief appointed as members of Negotiation Teams.

It was decided to notify the representatives of the Fire Dept. and Highway Dept. Unions of the action taken at this meeting and that dates for negotiations will commence just as soon as the Personnel Board Member is named.

It was decided to noticy the Personnel Board of the action taken at this meeting and to request that they name their members to the negotiating teams, but that the employees elected member shall not serve in this capacity.

Personnel Board requested to name members as Negotiation Team Members.

A report was received from the Police Dept. concerning the installaation of certain traffic safety signs, and road painting, on Old Westford Road, near the Westford Line. The request for such improvements had been received earlier in the form of three petitions. The board approved the recommendations, and it was decided to forward the subject to the Highway Dept. with a request that the signs be prepared and installed and the roadway painted.

Traffic Safety Improvements approved for Old Westford Rd.

A letter was received from Mr. Toure F. Larsen, proprietor of a filling station, on Tyngsboro Road, in which he requested that his Class II, Auto Dealer License, be changed from one with restrictions, to no restrictions. It was decided to invite him to meet with the board to discuss the matter at a future meeting, and that he should plan to submit a plot plan of the property, and other details about his plans, so that all information will be available.

Conference to be held with Auto Dealer re: request to change license restrictions.

At this point Mr. Humphrey requested that the board approve the sending of letters to all holders of Auto Dealer Licenses where restrictions have been imposed, to warn them that in certain cases, infractions of these provisions had been observed, and the board will take steps in the future to rescind any such licenses, if the infractions continue. Mr. Lannan asked if Mr. Humphrey was making a motion to this effect. Mr. Humphrey replied that he would so move. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted by the majority. Mr. Markham expressed disapproval and suggested that special letters be prepared giving notice only to those owners where violations had occurred, and spell out and describe the violation. This suggestion was not accepted, and Mr. Humphrey's motion prevailed.

Letters to be sent to Auto Dealers to warn them to observe license restrictions cited on the license forms.

A letter was received from the Engineering Fire, Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, relating to a contract which had been prepared for the Engineering Plans to be prepared for Crystal Lake Restoration. Mr. Humphrey asked questions about the awarding of this contract, and felt the board should have more information, as the Selectmen are the responsible authority for projects at Crystal Lake. Mr. Hart was asked to inquire about this subject from Mr. Edmund Polubinski and to learn the status of these negotiations and report back to the board. Mr. Hart was given material about this subject.

Crystal Lake Restoration Committee engages Engineering Firm. Board to make inquiries about this subject.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant permission for the use of an Outdoor Loudspeaker to Mr. James Quinn, d/b/a North Chelmsford Hardware at Vinal Square, for the playing of Christmas Music, from Dec. 11th, 1971 thru Dec. 17th, 1971, from 10;00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. excluding Sunday.

Permission granted for use of Outdoor Loudspeaker.

The board at this point discussed needed changes in the town bylaw to control the use of the outdoor loudspeakers, and it was decided to study this matter further at a later date.

By-Law re: Outdoor Lou speakers to be studied.

A letter was received from the Mass. Water Resources Commission and read in which information was given that the state agency had approved the plans of Camp, Dresser & McKee for modern sanitary engineering practice. The letter was placed on file.

State Agency approves plans for Sewer Comm.

Mr. Doody then spoke on several matters pertaining to the work of the Drug Abuse Study Committee including the fact that the approval for the Learning Center in North Chelmsford had not been given, and that efforts were now underway to work with the local Kiwanis Club to find an alternate location. He also said that the taskforce is still working on the program "Prep", and recommendations will follow.

Report received re Drug Abuse Study Projects.

Mr. Lannan stated that additional positions under the Emergency Employment Act have been filled and he asked for the board's concurrence for appointments as follows:

1. Francis J. Doherty, 12 Ansie Road, as the Industrial Commission Representative; effective: Dec. 1st, 1971.
2. Thomas W. Fuller, 261 Foster Road, Tewksbury, as the Draftsman for the Highway Dept; effective: Dec. 6th, 1971.

Mr. Doody moved, and Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion, to approve the appointments of Mr. Doherty and Mr. Fuller and it was then voted unanimously.

Positions filled and appointments approved for EEA Program

Mr. Humphrey spoke of new legislation which had recently been filed by Mr. Joseph Hannon, Director, of the Northern Middlesex Area Commission, and which related, he believed, to the approving of zoning changes in municipalities. He stated that he felt that this legislation could be most serious, as the town could lose control, and on the basis of what he had learned about it, he would be opposed to it. It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Planning Board, with a copy to NMAC, to ask for further details about this subject, and to learn if they are aware of the proposal, and if so, do they approve. Later in the evening, the board conferred with Mr. Timothy Hehir, about the legislation and Mr. Hehir offered to provide copies of the subject for the board, and he felt that a discussion on the merits should wait until such time as all the material was available.

Discussion held re: new legislation by NMAC concerning zoning in towns. Planning Board requested to forward information on subject.

Mr. Humphrey asked that information be forwarded to the Committee to Study a Site for the East Chelmsford Fire Station, that authorization is given by the board for the engaging of an appraiser per vote at the Special Town Meeting at which time $300.00 was provided to meet these costs, and that the committee should be warned that they must prepare and submit their material for an article for the Annual Town Meeting on or before Jan. 3rd, 1972. Other members of the board concurred with this suggestion.

East Fire Station Site Committee authorized to engage appraiser.

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Town Counsel be instructed to take suitable action to prepare the documents for purchase and/or taking of the Sugden Land for enlarging the North Chelmsford Dump. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. Mr. Markham inquired if we have sufficient funds to make the purchase.

Town Counsel requested to start work on land acquisition.

Selectmen request details pertaining removal of fill from Crystal Lake Areas for Sanitary Landfill Project.

Mr. Humphrey then stated that he was concerned about the plans for removal of fill from the Crystal Lake area, as planned by the consultants and Board of Health, for implementing a Landfill Operation at the Swain Road Dump. He said the board should decide what will be done and the board would want to cooperate with the Health Department, but it should be informed as to all the details. He asked that an inquiry be made about their plans, and data as to future grades, and he then suggested a conference be held with the Board of Health and Crystal Lake Restoration Committee on Monday, Dec. 20th, 1971 at 9:00 P.M. to discuss the subject. The board agreed with this suggestion.

Sp.Tn.Meeting Warrant to be checked for action needed by Selectmen.

Mr. Humphrey asked that the Town Meeting Warrant be checked to determine if the Selectmen should take any further action on items voted during the November 1971 sessions.

Police Chief sends notice he does not wish to make Perm. Int. Patrolmen Appointments.

A report was received from the Adm. Assist. that the Police Chief had indicated that he did not wish to make any further appointments for Permanent Intermittent Patrolmen at this time. The original requisition called for six appointments, and four had been made, leaving two vacancies and Civil Service had forwarded notices of appointment for this purpose. It was decided to so notify the state Civil Service division of this decision.

Bids for Printing Reports to be issued.

It was decided to combine advertising for a Call for Bids for Printing the Town Report, Finance Committee Reports, Printing of Men & Women Book, and Voting Lists as had been done in previous years.

Letter of sympathy to be sent.

Mr. Hart asked that a letter of sympathy be sent to James Colclough, a well known athlete, due to death of his wife, and to acknowledge and thank him for coming to Chelmsford High School to speak before the students. The board agreed that this should be done.

Railroad to be requested to make crossing repairs.

Mr. Markham asked that a request be sent to the Penn Central Railroad Company, with a copy to the state Representative, Bruce N. Freeman, that repairs be made at railroad crossing at Golden Cove Road and at Central Square.

Selectmen to hold conference re: meeting space for civic organizations.

Mr. Markham also spoke of the housing problems that the board was now encountering at the Center Town Hall to accomodate such groups as the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen. It was decided to invite representatives of the organization to meet with the board on Monday evening, Dec. 20th, 1971 at 8:30 P.M. It was also decided to inquire from the Supt. of Schools if plans are being made to include administrative offices at the new High School, so that the North Town Hall facilities might again be available for town citizens and organizations who are seeking space to hold meetings. Also Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board invite the Fire Chief and representatives of the Chelmsford Firefighters' Assn. to join the board at the Dec. 20th, 1971 meeting with the Minutemen to determine if any Fire Dept. facilities would be available, on an interim basis, for town organixations. All these suggestions were approved by the board.

Subject of Federal EDA programs discussed.

Mr. Markham then spoke of the Economic Development Adm. programs and he stated that he had conferred with the EDA representative and a town could benefit under the existing programs up to 80% of cost of materials and labor for certain projects. He stated he would be willing to introduce Mr. Francis J. Doherty to persons involved in the EDA program, in areas of Industrial Development. He stated that the town should take advantage of the program and possibly town meeting action might be needed and the board should prepare itself.

Mr. Humphrey then asked that a letter be forwarded to the Housing Authority to inquire if they will be submitting an article for the Annual Town Meeting and if so, to inform them that such article must be received on or before Monday, Jan. 3rd, 1972. It was agreed that this should be done.

Inquiry to be sent to Housing Authority re: Articles for An.Tn.Mtg.

Mr. Markham requested that a memorandum be sent to the Acting Supt. of Streets to ask that plans be made in 1972 for needed drainage work on North Road, at or near property of Harold F. Firth, including the installation of a catch basin at corner of Southgate Road, and that steps be taken to provide the necessary funds for this work.

Drainage work requested for North Rd.

It was decided to send a letter of inqyiry to the Eastern Minerals, Inc. firm to see if they will extend the same Rock Salt price quotation as recently given to other municipalities, on a combined bid plan, in the interests of economy.

Board to inquire if Rock Salt price can be reduced.

It was decided that a Special Article would be set up for considering Varney Playground Lighting at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article planned for Varney Playgd. Lighting.

The business meeting adjourned at about 11:05 P.M. Then the board granted and signed miscellaneous licenses, listed as follows, after which the members discussed 1972 Budget figures for various appropriations under their control.

Business meeting adjourns.

Licenses Granted.

Auctioneer License: William D. Atherton, 9 Tremont Road
Renewal Fee: $2.00 Stephen H. Farley, 204 Chelmsford Street
Auto Dealer: Renewal Fee: $50.00
Class I: Peter Hallissy Chevrolet, Inc. 40 Chelmsford Street
Auto Dealer: Renewal Fee: $50.00
Class II: Alpine Gulf, Inc. 100 Chelmsford Street
John E. Dubey, d/b/a John's Chevron, 206 Boston Road
Edward J. Duffy, d/b/a Duffy's Auto. Co., 52 Tyngsboro Rd.
Dyment Motors, d/b/a Speedway Station, 81 Tyngsboro Road
Frederick J. Fantozzi, d/b/a Fred's Gulf Sta. 1-9 Princeton St.
Anthony C. Ferreira, d/b/a Tony's Used Cars, 74 Riverneck Road
George E. Gagnon, d/b/a Town Line Motors, 166 Middlesex Street
Arnold A. Garrow, d/b/a Buttonwood Citgo, Central Sq. & Acton Rd.
Toure F. Larson, d/b/a Larson's Automotive Svce. 112 Tyngsboro Rd.
Princeton Auto Sales, Inc., 123 Princeton Street
Joseph S. Starr, d/b/a Starr Svce. Station, 120 Gorham Street
Timberland Machines, Inc. 15 Katrina Road
Auto Dealer: Renewal Fee: $50.00
Class III: Roger Boyd, Inc., Rear of Emerson Ave. (South of Railroad Tracks)
North Chelmsford Auto Parts, Inc. Sleeper Street
Automatic Amusement Device: All Renewal Fees : $20.00 Each:
American Legion, Alberton W. Vinal
Post 313, Inc. , Groton Rd. & Willis Drive: 1 Machine
Meadow Grill of Chelmsford, Inc. 100 Tyngsboro Rd., 1 Machine
Rainbow Spa, Inc., 294-296 Billerica Rd, 1 Machine
Pages Bowling Enterprises, Inc., 30 Alpine Lane, 2 Machines.
d/b/a Sammy White's Alpine Lanes,
Common Victualer License:
(For Food) Renewal Fee: $5.00
American Legion, A.W.Vinal Post 313, Inc. Groton Rd. & Willis Drive
Chelmsford Elks, Inc. 300 Littleton Road
C U F Club, Inc. 21 Quigley Avenue
Bill Burns, Inc. d/b/a The Banqueteer, 225 Littleton Rd.
Dean's Food, Inc. d/b/a The Glenview Lounge, 248 Princeton St.
Hong & Kong Restaurant, Inc. 32 Alpine Lane
MaiKai Inc. 131 Drum Hill Road
Meadow Grill of Chelmsford, Inc. 100 Tyngsboro Rd.
Princeton Lounge, Inc. 147 Princeton Street
Rainbow Spa., Inc. 296 Billerica Road
Roslyn Shops of Chelmsford, Inc. d/b/a Howard Johnsons
185 Chelmsford St.

Common Victualer Licenses (Continued)

Licenses Granted.

Skip's Diner, Inc. 116 Chelmsford Street
Chelmsford Country Club, Inc. 66 Park Road
Klav Corp., d/b/a Lum's, 86 Chelmsford Street
Drum Hill Liquor Mart, Inc. 63 Drum Hill Road
North Chelmsford Wine & Liquor Co., Inc. 2 Vinal Square
Theodore S. Adamczyk, d/b/a 7-Eleven Food Store 170 Concord Rd.
Adie Bros. Corp., d/b/a Dunkin' Donuts, 105 Chelmsford St.
Automic Submarine Sandwich Shops., Inc. , 94 Drum Hill Rd.
Ballos Diner, 17-19 Vinal Square
Buttrick's Family Restaurant, 29 Chelmsford St.
Cinema Realty, Inc. 299-305 Chelmsford St.
Crowley Farms, 131 Gorham Street
DeMoulas Super Market Luncheonette, Chelmsford St., Eastgate Plaza
The Old Mill House, 24 Central Square
Food Fair, J.M. Fields., Parkhurst Road
Friendly Ice Cream Corp., 20 Boston Rd., Summer St.
Gino's Inc., Drum Hill Road
W. T. Grant Company, d/b/a The Bradford Room, East Gate Plaza
Honey Bun Bakery, 55 Drum Hill Road
Jack's Diner, Inc. of Chelmsford, 11 Central Square
Big Joe's Sandwich Shop. 61 Central Square
Family Pastry Shoppe, 2 Alpine Lane
McDonald's Reataurant, 17 Drum Hill Road
Page's Bowling Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Sammy White's Alpine Lanes.
30 Alpine Lane
"Tony and Ann's", 35 Tyngsboro Road
Ricky's Dairy Queen, 110 Tyngsboro Road
Little Jack's Drive In., 91 Drum Hill Road
Skip's Ice Cream Stand, 118 Chelmsford Street
Spiro's, 257 Littleton Rd.
Lori's Doughnut Shop., 21 Vinal Square

License to Carry Passengers for Hire Over Public Highways: Renewal Fees $10.Each

Kenneth Hudson, Inc. d/b/a Hudson Bus Lines, 20 Union St., Medford
Over Routes between Tyngsboro, Lowell, Billerica and Westford.
Marinel Transp., Inc. Ward Way., Over two Routes to Lowell and return.
Vocell Bus. Co., Inc., 751 Boston Rd. Billerica, Over Lowell Connector
Ramps & Rte 495 in Chelmsford.
Vocell Bus.,Co., Inc., 751 Boston Rd., Billerica., Over Rte. 3 between
Billerica & Chelmsford Town Line, and to Chelmsford and Lowell Town line.

Sunday Entertainment Licenses: Renewals: Fees: $50.00 to State and $104.00to Town.
Total $154.00 ($2.00 per Sunday)

Licenses Granted.

(53 Sun.) Deans Food., Inc. d/b/a The Glenview Lounge, 248 Princeton Street
(53 Sun.) The Meadow Grill of Chelmsford, Inc. 100 Tyngsboro Road
Route 3 Cinema Realty Inc. Cinema III, 299-305 Chelmsford St.
Route 3, Cinema Realty, Inc. Cinema IV, 299-305 Chelmsford St.
Page's Bowling Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Sammy White's Alpine Lanes,(Bowling)
30 Alpine Lane
Page's Bowling Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Sammy White's Alpine Lane,
(Pool tables & Billiards) 30 Alpine Lane

Taxicab Licenses: Renewals: Fees: $1.00 per vehicle.

A & D.Taxi, 28 Vinal Square, One vehicle, Total Fee: $1.00

Theater Licenses: Renewals Fees: $100.00 each.

Cinema I, II, III, and Cinema IV. 299-305 Chelmsford Street

Weekday Entertainment License: Renewal fees : $5.00 each

American Legion, A.W. Vinal Post 313, Groton Rd. & Willis Drive
Chelmsford Elks,Inc. 300 Littleton Rd.
C U F Club, Inc. 21 Quigley Avenue
The Banqueteer, 225 Littleton Road
Dean's Food, d/b/a The Glenview Lounge, 248 Princeton St.
Hong & Kong Restaurant,Inc. 32 Alpine Lane
Mai Kai Inc. d/b/a Mai KaiRestaurant, 131 Drum Hill Road
The Meadow Grill of Chelmsford, Inc. 100 Tyngsboro Rd.

Weekday Entertainment Licenses: (Continued)

Princeton Lounge, Inc. 147 Princeton Street
Rainbow Spa., Inc. 294-296 Billerica Road
Skip's Diner, Inc. 116 Chelmsford Street
Chelmsford Country Club, Inc., 66 Park Road
Klav Corp., d/b/a Lum's 86 Chelmsford Street
Atomic Submarine Sandwich Shops., Inc. 94 Drum Hill Road

Licenses Granted.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, December 13th, 1971; 7:30 P.M. Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
2. Martha Proudfoot, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:35 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 9:30 P.M.

Reporters present.

A Temporary Wines & Malt Beverages License was granted to the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club, Inc., 160 Mill Road, for New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31, 1971.

License Granted. Fee: $0.50.

Renewals of Taxicab Licenses were granted to the Chelmsford Taxi, Inc., Joseph E. O'Connell, President, for three vehicles. Temporary address at answering service at 6 Andover Road, Billerica, Mass. (Business to have Chelmsford post office box address soon.) Fees: $1.00 per vehicle. Total Amt: $3.00

Taxicab Licenses Granted.

It was decided to request the Finance Committee to amend the 1972 Budget for the Selectmen's Department so that an item for $1,500.00 can be included for participation in a Regional Tactical Unit, for the Police Department, and Northeastern Massachusetts Enforcement Council. The request was made by the Police Chief and the board concurred with the request.

Selectmen's 1972 Budget to be amended to include item for Police Training Program.

The Selectmen were visited by Mr. Cormier, a Social Science Teacher at the Byam School, and four young students. Prior to the commencing of the business meeting, Mr. Lannan, met with the group and explained the functions of the Office of the Board of Selectmen. The instructor and students then remained for about one half hour after the business meeting commenced, so that they would have the opportunity to listen to a regular session of the board.

Students visit and observe meeting of board.

A letter was received from Mr. Daniel Carragher, President of the National Honor Society of Chelmsford High School, inviting the board members to attend the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 17th, 1971, at 8:00 P.M. at the Chelmsford High School. Mr. Daniel Carragher, and his father, Mr. John C. Carragher, were both present, and Mr. Daniel Carragher asked if a member of the board would attend and officiate. Chairman Lannan offered to be present and other members of the board indicated that they, too, would try to be present.

Selectmen invited to attend Xmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Conservation Commission to ask if they now plan to take steps to obtain a deed of land of the First Congregation Society, (Unitarian) per vote of acceptance at Special Town Meeting of Nov. 8th, 1971.

Inquiry to be sent to Cons. Com. to learn if they will obtain deed.

It was decided to examine documents on file concerning applications for appointments to Council on Aging, now that the voters at Town Meeting approved an increase in membership for this committee.

Council on Aging to be enlarged.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 23rd, 1971.

Minutes approved.

No action was taken to approve and accept the minutes of meeting of Dec. 6th, so that the members might have additional time to examine the record.

Approval of minutes postponed.

Town Celebration Committee Members Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Town Celebration Committee; both terms to expire: 3/1972.

			Representing
1.	Richard O. Lahue, Sr.,	22 Worthen Street,	Historical Society,
2 .	John C. Alden,	8 Nadine Road,	Colonial Minutemen.

Permission granted for use of Outdoor Loudspeakers for playing of Christmas Music.

On motions by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant permission for the use of Outdoor Loudspeakers, for the playing of Christmas Music as follows:

1. For James Quinn, d/b/a North Chelmsford Hardware, from Dec. 18th, 1971 thru Dec. 24th, 1971, (excluding Sunday) from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
2. For Philip McCormack, d/b/a Phil's Village Maret, from Dec. 17th, 1971 thru Dec. 23rd, 1971, (excluding Sunday) from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Pole Relocation petition adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 1 Joint Pole Relocation on Richardson Road, to clear a driveway, C-1145, dated 11/19/71; No hearing was required, and the petition was signed by the Clerk, Mr. Hart.

Notice rec'd. that no vacancy expected in membership of School Bldg. Committee.

A letter was received from Mr. James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee, informing the Selectmen that there is no vacancy expected in the membership of the School Building Committee and no member has expressed any intention of resigning. This letter was in reply to one the board had sent since two inquiries had been received. It was then decided to notify the persons who had initially asked the question; Mrs. Mary B. Pease, President of the League of Women Voters and Mrs. Irene G. Mergulies.

Certificate of character signed for new corporation.

The board then signed a character reference for Barry W. Pearson, of 30 Stedman Street, and Mr. Odesseus J. Chiungos, 5 Longview Drive, both Incorporators of the Lowell Industrial Center, Inc., to be located in Lowell, after a character and police report was received from the Police Chief.

State DPW Engineer reports sidewalk work for Acton Road not planned for some years ahead.

A letter was received from the District Highway Engineer, of the state DPW, regarding sidewalk installation work along Acton Road, between High and Bartlett Streets, and that such work, is not planned under the Chapter 90 projects for a number of years. This letter was sent to the board in response to an inquiry made by Mr. Gerald Silver, of 95 Acton Road. It was decided to hold this subject for further consideration when the sidewalk projects are planned for 1972.

Nashoba School to print Town Report Covers and Contest will be limited to Chelmsford High School Students.

Notice was received from Mr. Bernholdt Nystrom Adm. Assistant, at the Nashoba Valley Technical High School, informing the board that the school will be pleased to print the covers for the Annual Town Report. Mr. Nystrom did inquire also if the students in the Commercial Art Dept. could again participate in the Town Report Cover Contest, but the board agreed to limit the participation to the art department students of Chelmsford High School, inasmuch as they did not have the opportunity to submit entries in the previous contest. The board also decided that consideration should be given in 1972 to open the contest to all art department students at Chelmsford High School, and the Nashoba School, and perhaps students of the Chelmsford Junior High School could be included at a later date.

Highway "Topics" program discussed and Town Planner to be requested to assist and advise the Board.

A letter was received from the Chief Engineer, Daniel S. Horgan, of the state DPW, in which he answered various questions about the implementation of the state "Topics" program. The board had previously asked various questions and Mr. Horgan explained the procedures and gave estimates of amount of time it takes to get such a program underway. Mr. Humphrey expressed the thought that this would be an excellent subject for the new Highway Department Planner, under the EEA Program, to work on. He suggested that he obtain further information for the Selectmen. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald, Highway Planner, so that a study could get underway. The board members all agreed that this was a good way to proceed.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Licensing Commission of the City of Haverhill, asking for views of the board relating to changing of state laws for the granting of temporary liquor permits, for Wines and Malt Beverages. Mr. Humphrey commented that this is a "Home Rule" subject and he advised that no changes be made in the law. Mr. Lannan commented that in Chelmsford very few are applied for, and granted, and we have had no problems or questions about this subject. It was decided to place the subject on file.

Inquiry re: need for changing procedures for granting Temp Liquor License

An application was received for the storage of Paint Thinners at the property of Electro Metals at 275 Billerica Road. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing and advertise the application.

Hearing authorized fo storage of paint supplies

A letter was received from the Police Department in which various recommendations were made for traffic safety improvements for an area along Boston Road at a curve, and where numerous accidents had occurred in the past. Initially Mr. James B. O'Neil, who owns property at 97-101 Boston Road, had appealed to the Selectmen that certain public safety safeguards be made. Mr. Lannan reported that he had contacted representatives at the state DPW office to see what should be the next step. Mr. Lannan told the board that he was advised to prepare a package with all the data and forward same to the Office of the District Highway Engineer, and they would then make a study of existing conditions. The Selectmen concurred with the plan to forward the documents to DPW.

Inquiry to be sent to the state DPW re: needed traffic safety improvements along Boston Road.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Toure F. Larsen, of Larsen's Automotive Service at 112 Tyngsboro Road, to discuss the changing of restriction as to number of vehicles that can be kept on the premises under the Class II, Auto Dealer License. Mr. Larsen was present. Mr. Lannan read the letter received from Mr. Larsen in which he asked that the restriction be lifted. Mr. Larsen explained that he had spent a considerable sum of money to improve the premises and he felt that that the town real estate taxes would now increase. He stated that the business consists of a filling station, and a repair shop, and he wanted to be able to display more vehicles to be sold. Mr. Doody asked various questions and in answer to these Mr. Larsen stated that he had had a license for a little more than a year, and that the principal business is now an auto dealer. Mr. Humphrey asked for plans of the lot, which the board had requested be made up for this conference. Mr. Larsen displayed a plan, not very detailed, and also pictures of the property were shown. Mr. Lannan commented that the plans were not too complete. Mr. Humphrey asked how many cars Mr. Larsen wanted to keep on the premises at one time, and Mr. Larsen stated he would like to be able to display ten to fifteen cars. Mr. Humphrey asked if Mr. Larsen would consider a restriction of ten to fifteen cars, and Mr. Larsen replied that for future planning, he would prefer to have a license with an unlimited number. Mr. Humphrey asked how many cars can be accomodated at the present time. Mr. Larsen stated that he could take care of twenty-five , with no other space available. Mr. Hart asked if the model cars on display were late models or old models. Mr. Larsen replied that they were fairly late models. Mr. Hart asked if he bought at auctions and then made repairs. Mr. Larsen stated that now he does no body work. Then Mr. Humphrey moved to grant a change in the restrictions for the Class II, Auto Dealer License from three vehicles to fifteen vehicles, and that the board observe the use of the property under the new restrictions, and to consider further expansion at a later date. Mr. Doody seconded the motion with the understanding that a more detailed plot plan would be provided for the board, and which would be placed on file. At this point Mr. Markham asked if the applicant planned to have another building, and Mr. Larsen replied that he did not, and he already had finished the work on the present building. Mr. Lannan asked that if a vote passes on this request, that no license form be issued until the plot plan is delivered and viewed by the board, and the board gives its approval. Then a unanimous vote passed on Mr. Humphrey's motion, as amended by Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan.

Conference with holder of Class II, Auto Dealer License for changes in restrictions.

Selectmen vote to allow additional vehicles on premises.

Request for consideration of special pay for certain types of police work.

A letter was received from the Police Chief requesting that the town consider acceptance of Chap. 41, Section 108I of the General Laws, at a town meeting, to provide additional pay to employees who work on special assignments for photography and fingerprinting work. Both Mr. Doody and Mr. Humphrey commented that the subject should be one to be held for Collective Bargaining, now that the Police Department employees had voted to be represented by a labor union. It was decided to so notify the Police Chief of this recommendation of the board.

Discussion held regarding Engineering Costs for Restoration of Crystal Lake.

The Selectmen then discussed the subject of an Agreement between the Town, (the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee) and the Engineering Firm of Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, for Engineering Work needed for plans to build a retaining wall or dam at Crystal Lake. Mr. Paul Hart, the board's representative on this committee, reported that a meeting is to be held soon regarding other possible approaches, and that the Chairman, Mr. Polubinski, is preparing letters to explain what they will, or will not plan to do. Mr. Hart also stated that the Restoration Committee is awaiting information from the Atty. General, who is presently studying legal questions which had been raised, and that no action on execution of an engineering agreement would take place, until the Attorney General released his opinion, and the engineering firm is being informed of this fact. Mr. Lannan recommended that future communications on this subject should come from the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee. Mr. Humphrey asked about the appropriation for this engineering work and the town meeting minutes were examined and the figure was found to be $6,000.00 Mr. Humphrey asked if there had been several bids or estimates and Mr. Hart reported that there were a few and some were very high in cost. Mr. Lannan then asked that this subject be placed in the pending file until final word is received from the Attorney General. Mr. Lannan's request was then accepted.

Request received for making an intersection a four-way stop area.

A letter was received from Mrs. Jack Hadley of 64 School Street, in which she requested that the town consider making the intersection of School Street and Graniteville Road, a "four-way" stop intersection, and to now install signs on School Street. A discussion followed inasmuch as the subject had received consideration and study earlier. Mr. Lannan read portions of previous correspondence. Mr. Doody asked for an accident report and for details about the most recent accident of Dec. 5th, 1971, described by Mrs. Hadley, in her letter to the board. It was finally decided to direct several questions to the Police Dept. to ask their opinions for making this a "four-way" stop intersection, and for accident data, and to learn if they would feel this would be advisable, if not permanently, perhaps on a trial basis. The board members agreed to this plan.

School Committee requests that sidewalks near schools be cleared of snow after storms.

A letter was received from the School Committee, stating that sidewalks at or near schools, had not been plowed and the department had received many calls of complaint. The School Committee requested that the town take steps in the future to offer this service. A discussion was held about this matter, and it was explained that there had been numerous difficulties with a sidewalk snowplowing project in previous years. A question was asked if the School Dept. has snow-blowing equipment available for their own use, and for sidewalks in front of and near the schools. Mr. Lannan suggested that a proposal be placed before the voters at a future town meeting for acceptance of a by-law which would require homeowners to remove the snow from sidewalks in front of his property, and that other municipalities have passed such by-laws. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Planning Board take steps to consider such a by-law. It was finally decided to hold the subject aside for action at a future date.

Chairman gives report of a conference at which time a Special Town Meeting was approved.

At this point Mr. Lannan gave a report concerning a conference held by various town officials on the subject of acquiring land at or near the Russell Mill Pond, and that the meeting planned this evening for 8:30 P.M. had been cancelled Mr. Lannan read from a prepared statement as follows:

> "The Board of Selectmen met in an informal session last Saturday morning with the Town Counsel, members of the Conservation Commission, and other interested people to discuss the D&B property taking. As a result, the Board of Selectmen are ordering a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, Dec. 27th, at 8:00 P.M. in the High School Gymnasium. The purpose of this Special Town

meeting is twofold. First an article to transfer from surplus funds to snow and ice removal account a sufficient amount to carry us through any severe storm that may occur prior to the end of the year. Secondly, to remove any question with regard to the action taken by the Special Town Meeting held on November 22nd, when that body voted to purchase or take for conservation purposes a parcel of land bordering the Russell Mill Pond; known as the D&B property. Two articles will be required for this purpose:

1. To purchase or take the property, and
2. To provide the funds by transferring from the Board of Health Account to an account set up under the Board of Selectmen for this purpose.

Finance Committee members, Mr. Richard T. McDermott, Chairman, and Mr. Ralph Casale, were present during this portion of the evening's business. The price quotation for purchase of this land was mentioned as $135,000.00

Discussion held re: Articles for Special Town Meeting.

The Selectmen agreed to hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 1971, inasmuch as the Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 27th.

Date set for future meeting of the board

An application was received from Philip J. McCormack, d/b/a Phil's Village Market, at 321 Acton Road, for issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store Wines & Malt Beverages License. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to authorize the setting up a hearing and to advertise this application.

Liquor License Application received.

A letter was received from Mr. Joseph J. Dappal, President of the Olde Stage Recreation Facility, Inc., requesting an appointment with the board to discuss their plans and need for insertion of an article in Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting for re-zoning of their land to permit this type of use. It was decided to notify Mr. Dappal of the requirements for filing articles with the Selectmen on or before Monday, Jan. 3rd, 1971, and that the subject must come before the Planning Board also for hearing by that board. The Selectmen asked that notice be sent to Mr. Dappal as quickly as possible so that the organization can take prompt steps to meet all requirements within the time limitations. It was also felt that a suggestion should be sent to Mr. Dappal to re-zone the previously considered area, so that it could be returned to a residential area. Mr. Lannan suggested that a conference be planned with Mr. Dappal to help him plan this work, and Mr. Lannan offered to meet privately to expedite the work.

Request received for Re-Zoning Area for Recreational Purposes.

A letter was received from the Town Engineer, Edward Cavanaugh, stating that he had checked into the problem raised by Mr. Edward Baron of 309 Pine Hill Road, concerning a possible error in the town boundary. Mr. Cavanaugh recommended that the board forward a request to the Office of the County Commissioners to request that the line be checked for possible error at the Chelmsford-Westford line at Pine Hill Road. The Selectmen agreed to do this.

Question of error of location of town boundary to be forwarded to the County Commissioners for assistance.

A copy of a letter sent to the state Division of Water Pollution Control was received from Mr. Joseph P. Hannon, Director, of the Northern Middlesex Area Commission, in which a suggestion was made that consideration should perhaps be given in the planning of the Chelmsford sewer system for possible tie ins with Westford and Tyngsborough. Mr. Markham commented that it might also be beneficial for Lowell to be tied in to this group. The letter was placed on file.

Letter rec'd from NMAC re: Sewer tie ins with other towns.

A letter of resignation was received and accepted from Nelson A. Hebert, a member of the Town Celebration Committee. It was decided to forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. Hebert for his services since the committee was formed.

Member of Town Celebration Com. resigns.

It was decided to forward letters of requests for names and addresses of nominees for appointment to fill the vacancy on the Town Celebration Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr. Hebert, who was the representative from the veterans' organizations. Inquiries to be sent to Legion Posts and VFW post.

Veterans' groups requested to send in names of nominees.

State Representative forwards information to the board re:. Cablevision Legislation and crossovers on Routes 3 & 495.

A letter was received from Rep. Bruce N. Freeman concerning the following-mentioned matters:

1. Reply to the board with enclosure information about Cablevision legislation.
2. Reply, with letter from state DPW Commissioner, Bruce Campbell, with information about the possibility of installing official crossovers on Route 3, and Route 495, so that emergency vehicles of the town, will not have to travel so far, in order to return to exits from these highways. The reply was not entirely clear to the board, so it was decided to send a direct request to the DPW Commissioner to re-affirm our request to see what can be done to improve the existing facilities.

Dog complaint received. Subject had been forwarded to Dog Officer for investigation.

A complaint was received from Mrs. Natalie Svetlichny of 9 Samuel Road, against Mrs. Hank Karow, of 10 Muriel Road, in which she asked that a restraining order be issued as the dogs had been allowed to be free at times and damages were inflicted on property of Mrs. Svetlichny, and she now feared for the safety of her children. Mr. Lannan reported that the Dog Officer had already been requested to investigate the complaint and to report back to the Selectmen of his findings. It was agreed to take no action until his report is received.

Chairman reports results of Police Dept. election for

Mr. Lannan, at this point, gave the board a report of the recent election held at the Police Station on Friday, Dec. 10th, 1971, to determine if the officers wished to be represented by a union for future labor negotiations. Mr. Lannan stated that twenty had voted in favor; seventeen in the negative; no ballots were protested and no ballots were voided, and a certification of this vote and the results had been filed with the town and is on file.

Report given of positions to be open under EEA Program.

Mr. Lannan then gave a report of new developments in the Emergency Employment Office Project. Subjects mentioned were:

1. Resignation of Elizabeth Sink, as Clerk Typist, for the Consortium. It was stated that the position would soon be open, but the state Division of Employment Security will be the first to be notified as they may have applicants available and which meet the state requirements.
2. That a Corsortia Training Coordinator's position has now been proposed to work between the Northern Middlesex Area Corsortium, the Town of Burlington and the City of Malden

Meeting announced for Youth Center Study Committee.

Mr. Doody announced that there will be a meeting of the Youth Center Study Committee on Wednesday, January 5th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. at the Center Town Hall, to discuss the proposal of the Nashoba Valley Technical High School to implement a House and/or Municipal Building Program in their curriculum.

Board member calls attention to need of support of the Selectmen for Variance application for new Bank.

Mr. Humphrey then called the board's attention to the fact that the Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, Dec. 16th, 1971, at 7:45 P.M. on the application of L. Rodger Currie to construct a commercial bank building and to exceed the parking density on lots 72A, 72B and 73A at 17-19 North Road. Mr. Humphrey stated he felt that comment is necessary as this proposal could mean a great deal to the town and he hoped that the board could offer its approval and endorsement to the plan. He stated that normally the Selectmen do not intercede in the business of another board, but he felt that this proposal was of such importance that the board should inform the Board of Appeals as to their opinions and recommendations. He then cited numerous reasons why the request should be granted, and these follow:

1. There will be a broadening of the tax base, and there is a possibility that ten times as much tax revenue would be received by the town without placing additional burdens on the taxpayers.
2. This proposal would offer additional employment opportunities in various capacities to our townspeople, at a time when vitally needed.
3. Such a facility will tend to stimulate the economy of the town.
4. The facility would be an added convenience to our townspeople.
5. The use of the property for this purpose, and the type of building planned, would be in harmony with the present business trends in the general area, and as an example , he cited the Newsweekly business office building, the Currie office building, and the variance granted for the Carye office building.

6. Also the large tract of land in the rear, owned by the Emerson family comprises a large potential area being zoned for business. Mr. Humphrey then stated he felt the board should take a position on this matter in order to properly represent the 30,000 townspeople. He stated that he had asked the petitioner to prepare material for the board so that each member could have all information available, and this has been done. He concluded by saying that the proposal is a worthy one, and will be an improvement to the area from the Town Hall to Route 495 bridge. Then Mr. Doody moved to have the board go on record as favoring the proposal, and that Mr. Humphrey, be designated to be the board's representative at the hearing to express the endorsement and support of the Selectmen. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and he, too, asked that Mr. Humphrey attend the hearing. Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan both expressed their approval. Then a unanimous vote followed. Mr. Humphrey then asked that a letter be prepared to be sent to the Board of Appeals, and to be signed by the Chairman, to list the reasons for the board's endorsement and support. It was agreed that this should be done.

Selectmen vote to support petition for variance of land on North Road for a commercial bank use.

Mr. Hart reminded the board members of the Sports Award Banquet for the Chelmsford Booster Club scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16th, 1971 at 6:30 P.M.

Sports Award Banquet Announced.

Mr. Hart also then commented that he was most proud to be connected with the Chelmsford Rotary Club, especially since Mrs. Anne Stratos, had given a speech recently about the work of the Chelmsford Youth Center and the need for voluntees was emphasized, and that some seventeen Rotary Club members had offered to assist. He stated that the Youth Center Committee and Rotary Officers deeply appreciated this willingness to help.

Rotary Club members offer to serve as volunteers for Youth Center.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve the re-employment of the following-named School Department retirees:

1. Mary B. Nebes, Bookkeeper: 11/4/71 thru 11/8/71. For 21 Hrs.
2. Rudolph T. Hansen, Custodian, 10/1/71 thru 11/22/71. " 128 "
3. Jack Peake, Custodian, 10/5/71 thru 11/18/71. " 36 "

on an emergency basis, under the provisions of Chapter 676 (b), Acts of 1968, inasmuch as there were no other persons available to perform the duties of these positions.

School Dept. Retirees to be hired for short period of time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Dec. 20th, 1971; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:
1. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:25 P.m.
2. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:28 P.M.
3. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:00 P.M.

Reporters present.

The board adopted the following-mentioned meeting schedule for the month of January 1972: Business meetings to be held on Monday, Jan. 3rd, 1972, Monday, January 10th, 1972, Monday, January 17th, 1972; Monday, January 24th, 1972, and Monday, January 31st, 1972.

Meeting schedule adopted.

It was decided to schedule conferences at the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 29th, 1971 as follows:
1. With Varney Playground Commissioners at 8:15 P.M. to discuss proposed lighting of playground area.
2. With the Planner of the Highway Department at 9:15 P.M. to discuss the Mass. DPW "Topics" Program.

Conferences planned for next meeting.

Minutes of meeting accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 5th, 1971.

Acceptance of other minutes postponed.

It was decided to take no action at this time on the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 13th, 1971 to allow the members additional time to read the contents.

Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages adopted for two holidays.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the holiday hours of sale for alcoholic beverages, per press release received from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, concerning Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, 1971 and New Year's Day, Jan. 1st, 1972.,

Members appointed to Council on Aging.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-mentioned persons, as new members of the Council on Aging, so that membership of the council can be enlarged from five to seven members, per authorization by vote at the Special Town Meeting of November 8th, 1971:

1. Louise Bishop, 195 Riverneck Rd. 2. Mary V. Gagnon, 3 Miner Avenue.

(Both terms to expire: 3/1972.) Names of nominees had been received earlier from the Council on Aging Members.

Highway Dept. 1972 Budget to be amended to cover costs of holding a Clean-Up Day.

The board discussed plans for holding an Annual Clean-Up Day for 1972, as had been authorized in 1971, by special article in Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting, and it was decided to make similar plans for 1972. The board requested that the Highway Dept. budget for 1972 be amended to include sufficient funds to cover the costs.

Applicant gives notice of plans to submit application.

A letter of intent was received from Mrs. Julia Chianis to inform the board that she plans to submit an application for issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store,All Alcoholic License, after the quota has been established. The letter was read and placed on file.

Health Dept. indicates date when Sanitary Landfill Operations will commence.

A letter was received from the Board of Health indicating that they will be ready to implement the Sanitary Landfill operations on or about May 1st, 1972. Mr. Lannan reported that budget items had been set up in the 1972 budgets to handle the needs between Jan. 1st, and May 1st, 1972, so that waste disposal work can continue until May 1st, under the present plan.

Letter received and discussion follows re: Fluoridation. Board to seek legal advice concerning referendum for Election Ballot.

A letter was received from the Health Department regarding the subject of fluoridation of town water supplies. The letter explained, to some degree, the procedures to be followed, but it appeared that additional information is needed. Mr. Humphrey stated that he could not see anything wrong for the Board of Selectmen to place the question on the ballot for the Annual Town Election in 1972, to give the voters the opportunity to express their wishes, and to learn if they approved or disapproved such a plan. He stated further that the referendum question would be for information only, to be used by town officials as a guide, as to what decisions to make in the future. Then Mr. Humphrey moved to ask the Town Counsel to provide a legal opinion on this question, to see if the Selectmen can place such a referendum on the town ballot, in order that advice and information can be obtained from the voters; and the question should be phrased in such a manner so as to determine the feelings of approval or disapproval of the subject, and if this is possible, to request that such a question be prepared. Mr. Markham seconded the motion with an amendment that the Town Counsel render an opinion as to the current situation, due to the enactment of new legislation, so that the board will have all the facts, concerning the new statute to enable them to understand the procedures and steps to be taken by local officials. This was voted unanimously.

Six checkers to be hired for Special Town Meeting.

The board approved the hiring of twelve checkers for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 27th, 1971; six to work at each of two entrances.

Youth Center Committee submits article for Ann.Town Meeting.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Youth Center Study Committee in which a request was made that an article appear in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to set up an appropriation of $2,500.00 for operating expenses to hire a part-time youth director. Mr. Lannan stated that presently plans are under consideration to hire a Youth Center Coordinator under the EEA program, and if this approved, the appropriating of town funds will not be necessary. Mr. Doody then explained the reasons why this article was submitted. Mr. Lannan also stated that "Lag" Funds under the EEA program may be used for engaging of help for the Drug Care Center.

EEA Funds xplained.

A notice was received from Eastern Minerals, Inc. stating that the price decrease from $16.00 per ton for Rock Salt, to $15.74 per ton, would be offered to the town for their purchases between now and April 1st, 1972 provided the board would agree to an amendment to the present contract. The board members unanimously agreed to amend the contract and a statement, in writing, will be forwarded to the company, signed by the Chairman.

Price of Highway Road Salt decreases and Town will be billed at lower unit price.

It was decided that a request should now be forwarded to the members of the Planning Board to ask them to consider the preparation of a Town By-Law to require property owners to remove snow from sidewalk areas in front of their property.

Planning Bd. requested to prepare ByLaw for snow removal from sidewalks.

The Selectmen received information from the Dept. of Corporations and Taxation stating that Fidelity Bonds for the Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk shall be at least in amounts of $89,800., $91,200., and $3,000., and the board should certify that the bonds will be written for at least these minimum amounts. Information was received from Mrs. Charlotte P. DeWolf, current office holder for these three positions, that the bonds would be for these amounts. Then the board signed the certification for the above-listed figures.

Board certifies amounts for Bonds of Town Clerk, Treas. & Tax Collector.

A legal opinion was received from the Town Counsel with respect to the operation of a Home Occupation Business at 227 Westford Street. It was decided that the subject should now be forwarded to the Building Inspector for action by him, as the Town Counsel indicated that a violation does exist and a special permit is needed, and to ask the Bldg. Insp. to inform the board of the action he takes in this matter.

Legal Opinion received re: Home Occupation.

The Selectmen scheduled a conference with members of the Industrial Development Commission, and Mr. Francis J. Doherty, Industrial Development Representative, for Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 1971, at 7:30 P.M. to answer questions of the Commission members concerning the appointment and duties of the new representative.

Conference planned with Industrial Dev. Comm. & Representative.

An accident report was received from the Police Chief in which information was given that Officer Raymond Francisco sustained personal injuries on Dec. 19th, 1971 while attempting to repair a privately-owned vehicle at the Police Station Garage. The Selectmen expressed regret that the officer had been injured. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a letter be sent to the Police Chief to ask that he consider adopting a rule or regulation whereby no private vehicles be placed in the Police Station Garage, and that no repairs be made on private vehicles on town property, inasmuch as personal injuries, and/or damages to town property, possibly by fire, might occur. Mr. Doody concurred with this suggestion, stating that this type of work and assistance, is definitely beyond the call of duty, and such action tends to place the town at a disadvantage. Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan concurred. It was also decided to ask the Police Chief to notify the Selectmen of any action which he might take.

Accident report from Police Chief received. Board asks that certain rules be adopted to protect officers and town property.

At 8:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was held on the application of Alpha Development Corporation by Raymond A. Carye, President, and/or Giant Stores, Corporation, by Stuart R. Plumer, Director of Real Estate, for storage of certain Class A Inflammables, all aboveground, and to total 5,000 gallons, at 9 Stuart Road, Chelmsford. Mr. Lannan read the application and Mr. Plumer and Mr. Unzeld, Engineer, were present to represent the Giant Stores Corporation. Mr. Plumer introduced Mr. Unzeld and stated Mr. Unzeld, would explain the application. Mr. Unzeld stated that the property in question is used as a Warehouse and items of store merchandise are received and sent out, and the warehouse services forty stores, and it is

Public Hearing conducted for storage of Class A Inflammables planned to store several types of inflammables. He added that the inflammables will be stored away from the warehouse building and from other buildings of habitation, in two trailers, in an area which is fenced, and with a guard on the premises, and voered by television surveillance, and with a fire protection system. Mr. Unzeld stated that the inflammables would be stored in trailers which will be located about 150 feet away from existing buildings. Then he displayed plans of the area, showing buildings and trailer locations. Mr. Lannan asked if the Fire Chief had approved the application and it was stated that he had already done so. Mr. Plumer submitted information as evidence that all the abutters had been notified by Registered Mail Letters , and a document was presented to the board authorizing Mr. Plumer to file the application and sign same. Mr. Doody asked if there were any objectors and Mr. Coburn reported that no calls, nor letters, nor visitors had appeared to object. Mr. Doody asked if the location of the trailers had been approved and Mr. Plumer reported that approval had been received by the Deputy Chief of the Fire Dept. The applicants then explained that the type of merchandise was that which is sold in discount department stores. Mr. Doody asked about the security precautions which the company has taken and Mr. Unzeld stated that there is a guard on duty, that television is used to watch the area, and there is a high fence in the rear of the property, and there is a cleared area behind the fence. It was stated that the merchandise remains on the premises for about seven days. Mr. Doody asked if the merchandise is now stored in the trailers and Mr. Unzeld stated it is. Mr. Humphrey asked if any future structures are planned. Mr. Unzeld stated none are planned and he added that the present trailers have excellent ventilation. Mr. Humphrey stated that he understood the land is owned by the Alpha Dev. Corp. and Mr. Plumer stated that the land is owned by the corporation and the landlord owns the building, and leases same to us. Mr. Hart asked questions about the entrances to the area, and the moving about of vehicles and large trucks, in the receiving area, and he mentioned the possibility of accidents occurring. Mr. Unzeld explained the precautions which had been taken by the firm and he expressed the thought that the size of the yard precludes an accident occurring. Mr. Hart asked if the trailers will be clearly marked that drivers of these vehicles will be informed of the dangers that do exist. Mr. Unzeld stated that they are not presently marked, and no such recommendations had been received as yet from the Chief of the Fire Dept. Mr. Hart asked again if the trailers shouldn't be marked. Mr. Unzeld indicated that because the area is under surveilance, it did not seem necessary to do this. Mr. Markham asked if these trailers for storage are used on the road, and Mr. Unzeld stated they are for storage only. Mr. Markham asked if the trailers are set up on blocks and Mr. Unzeld stated no, they are on wheels so that they can be moved. Mr. Markham asked if the Assessors will tax the trailers and Mr. Unzeld stated he did not know for certain, but perhaps they would. Mr. Humphrey inquired as to the distance between the trailers and the present buildings. Mr. Plumer stated it would be about one hundred twenty feet. Mr. Humphrey then asked about the planned total capacity and present capacity. Mr. Unzeld replied that there are about 500 gallons on the premises now. Mr. Humphrey asked if they were currently storing without a permit, and if so, how long had this practice been going on. Mr. Plumer stated they were presently storing inflammables and he estimated that this had been done for about three months. Mr. Humphrey asked about the amount of inflammables on the premises and it was stated that they do keep stock records for inventory purposes and probably about 500 gallons would be the average amount on the premises now. Mr. Hart asked about the size of the trailers and Mr. Unzeld stated they are forty-foot trailers. Mr. Doody asked if the license were granted for perhaps 1,000 gallons, would this lesser amount be restrictive to your operations. Mr. Unzeld stated yes, it would be restrictive, and that the company hopes later to service additional stores. Then at about 8:25 P.M. the hearing closed and the board agreed to take the subject under advisement. Later in the evening the subject was discussed again and Mr. Doody questioned the total amount being requested in the application and he expressed the suggestion that a total capacity of perhaps 1,000 or 2,000 gallons should be considered, and vehicles should be marked with the wording "Inflammables." Mr. Hart asked if the board shouldn't now inquire from the Fire Chief if the trailers should be marked as the movement of large trucks in the area did present a hazard. Mr. Hart asked for recommendations also to see if the area, where trailers will be located, should be blocked off or barricaded. Mr. Doody

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asked that the board obtain recommendations from the Fire Chief. Mr. Humphrey, at this point, suggested that a conference be planned to discuss all aspects of the question, on Monday, January 3rd, 1972 commencing at 8:30 P.M., with both applicants, Mr. Carye of the Alpha Dev. Corp. and Mr. Plumer of the Giant Stores Corp. the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. This was agreed by all the members.

Conference planned for discussion on license t store inflammables.

A letter was received from Atty. James M. Geary, Jr., who represents Mr. Spiro Vrouhas, d/b/a Spiro's Restaurant at 257 Littleton Road, in which he requested that the hours of operation of the restaurant be changed from 6:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. to 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Mr. Doody commented that the change would alter the uniform closing of a number of similar establishments now in force, and he stated he would prefer the 11:00 P.M. closing being maintained, as he felt other requests would follow, if this is granted. Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Hart concurred. Mr. Markham offered no additional comments. Then Mr. Doody moved that the board maintain and continue the present 11:00 P.M. closing. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Request for later closing hour for restaurant not approved.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen to discuss future meeting facilities. Those present included Mr. Raymond Day, Captain, Mr. Edward McCaffrey and Mr. Ronald Raichle. Also present were Chief Frederick H. Reid, of the Fire Dept., and Sgt. Walter Edwards, representing the Police Auxiliary. Mr. Lannan outlined the reasons for this conference, stating that several changes had been made in the basement area of the Center Town Hall and which now would not permit the Minutemen to hold their monthly business meetings at this location. Mr. McCaffrey stated that the organization had met at the Center Town Hall since its beginning, and they now need help, and the High School Lecture Room is not adequate for their needs. He explained that they also need space for drills and practice sessions for the Drum and Fife group. Then Mr. Lannan read a message received from Mr. James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Bldg. Committee, who had offered to relinquish use of the upper Center Town Hall meeting room on the first Wednesday evening of each month, so that the Minutemen would have available space. Mr. McCaffrey stated that two rooms are advisable for Drum & Fife practice, and he accepted the offer of the School Bldg. Committee for their monthly business meetings. Mr. Doody suggested that the group contact the school department for use of the Junior High and McFarlin School Cafeterias, and perhaps the High School, as new rules of use of their facilities had recently been adopted. Sgt. Walter Edwards then explained that the Police Auxiliary Building has one room with equipment therein, and he felt the facility would not be suitable. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Selectmen present the request of the Minutemen to the School Dept. as a measure of assistance and cooperation. At this point Chief Frederick Reid stated he would now turn over the use of the old West Chelmsford Fire Station to the Selectmen for future use, and he asked if the Minutemen would care to consider using the building for a year or so. He gave the dimensions of size of the building, and stated that the building is heated by a small coal stove. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Minutemen now inspect this building. Mr. Doody asked if it would be possible to use other firestations and Chief Reid stated this would not be advisable; especially in cold weather, as some equipment carries water, and this would freeze if placed out of doors and exposed to winter temperatures. Mr. Hart suggested that an inquiry be forwarded to the School Dept. as this appears to be the best move. Mr. Markham agreed that the Selectmen should help, and an inquiry should go to the School Dept. as this is a civic organization, and the Minutemen should also work with the Fire Chief. Mr. Humphrey at this point asked the Minutemen to submit specifications for all their needs, with all details as to number of members involved, the number and size, and frequency of meeting rooms so that the board can present all these facts to the School Dept. Mr. Lannan offered to confer with Dr. Rivard and Mr. Humphrey suggested that inquiries also go to the Nashoba Technical High School, and the Elks Club. Mr. Doody asked that Mr. Markham be the liason representative between the board and the Nashoba School Committee and Mr. Markham accepted. Then Mr. Markham asked about storage needs for the Minutemen and Mr. McCaffrey reported that they also have a storage problem.

Conference with members of the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen, Fire Chief and Police Auxiliary Representative to discuss available facilities for holding meetings and drill sessions.

Comment made re: old West Fire Station.

Then, just before the conference concluded, Mr. Humphrey asked that the board members note that the Fire Chief has vacated the West Fire Station and turned the building over to the Selectmen.

Railroad company indicates crossing repairs to be made soon.

A letter was received from the Penn Central Railroad Company in which information was given that crossing repairs at Golden Cove Road and Central Square will be taken care of in the near future. It was decided to so notify Rep. Bruce N. Freeman of this message, inasmuch as he had learned work would be done before Dec. 17th, and now this information appears to be contradictory, and to ask that he assist to expedite the request.

Conference with members of the Housing Authority to discuss future projects and the submitting of articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

At 9:00 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Housing Authority and Mrs. Ruth K. Delaney, Secretary, and Mr. Robert L. Hughes, were present. Mrs. Delaney reported that the application before the Board of Appeals for a variance for use of land at Stedman and Smith Streets had been granted; and it appeared that now all obstacles had been overcome. She stated that the next step would be the engaging of appraisers to determine land values, and architcts for development of plans. She reported also that state action on subject of credit will not be received for perhaps ninety days from the Dept. of Community Affairs, and there is very little that we can do now. She also stated that articles for the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting may be submitted, and she asked that the board accept these articles if they reach our office on Jan. 5th, 1972, as the Housing Authority has a scheduled meeting on Jan. 4th, 1972. The board offered no objection to this request, since advance information had been given this evening. Mrs. Delaney also mentioned the subject of a possibility of using the LARC property on Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, and that the Housing Authority may need to have an article in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to see if the voters will approve the use of the property for Housing for the Handicapped, which would be a pilot project. The other article for the Warrant would be for approval of an appropriation to be used as an expence account. Mr. Lannan then stated that it was his understanding that the voters had authorized the establishment of the Housing Authority on the basis that it would be used as Housing for the Elderly. Mrs. Delaney acknowledged that this was so, but she added the Authority would not engage in other activities, without the express approval of the voters, and this is the reason for the article concerning the LARC project. She stated that the matter would be left to the voters to decide. Mr. Humphrey stated that it was his understanding that the Authority could do this, and he expressed the feeling that it was advisable for them to act in this manner. Mrs. Delaney explained that it is the work of the Authority to inquire if there are other needs along the subject of Housing, and then go to the voters with a proposal to determine what they want to do. Mr. Humphrey at this point commended the Authority Members for this willingness to study other needs and present the subject to the voters. At this point a visitor asked a question to see if he could address the group on the subject of Low Income Housing but it was felt that this subject, at this particular time, was not relevant to the discussion at hand. Then Mr. Humphrey offered the assistance of the Selectmen to help the Housing Authority. Then the conference ended.

Discussion held re: Board of Appeals Hearing for Apartment House Units under provisions of state law for Housing for Low or Moderate Income Persons.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Humphrey spoke on the subject of the hearing scheduled by the Board of Appeals on the application of Riverside Realty Trust for permission to erect 450 apartment units on land off Russell Mill Pond Road. Mr. Humphrey then read from a copy of legislation of Chap. 40B, Sections 20, 21, 22, and 23, relating to housing for low or moderate income persons. Mr. Humphrey stated that the board will be asked to be represented at the hearing for their recommendations, under the provisions of this state law, and the members should now make plans to submit their recommendations to the Appeal Board. Mr. Humphrey urged the board to take steps to dispatch messages to various boards and town officials in order to obtain their reports and recommendations, so that the Selectmen can take this material to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Humphrey stated that plans of the proposal should be submitted, so that town officials may learn all aspects of the proposal. Mr. Humphrey asked that a request be sent to the Board of Appeals to make available a Plot Plan, a Site Plan, Building Plan with Specifications, and all other pertinent details, to the Selectmen and other town officials. He stated the board should receive a concrete proposal, and copies should be forwarded to the Building Inspector, Wiring Inspector, Board of Health, for the Director and Plumbing Inspector and Planning Board. Mr. Humphrey then read from the law items which pertain to a denial in such cases by the Appeal Board, and he emphasized that if the plans of the applicant are detrimental to the town and its by-laws, the town officials must know this. He then asked if the Building Inspector had denied a permit in this case, and if so, what is the basis of the denial. Mr. Doody asked if the Health Board had been given a copy of the specifications. Mr. Lannan at this point suggested that a Special Meeting of the board be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. with the Appeal Board, and other town officials, to explain and outline the procedures to be followed. A visitor, Mr. Ralph Carnevale of 15 Cambridge Street, asked to be recognized and Mr. Humphrey asked that Mr. Carnevale be permitted to speak as he might have pertinent information for the board on this subject. Mr. Carnevale stated that he had investigated this subject and he had contacted state agencies concerning the proposal, and he urged the board to forward written inquiries to learn the recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Health. Mr. Humphrey asked that a letter be sent to the state DNR to inquire if the present application goes beyond the Hatch Act variance granted to the D&B Homebuilders, Inc. sometime ago. Mr. Carnevale asked that the board also inquire from the state Dept. of Public Health, Bureau of Water Supply, to determine if there are any dangers to the public water supply. Mr. Lannan suggested that information on this subject be kept in confidence until the hearing with the Board of Appeals. The board agreed then to forward the inquiries to the state agencies and to make plans to hold the special meeting on Dec. 28th.

Discussion follows re: Application before Board of Appeals for erection of apartments for persons of low or moderate income.

Then the board discussed the articles for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Dec. 27th, 1971. Mr. Humphrey stated that he was in favor of the article to acquire the land of D & B Homebuilders, Inc., off Russell Mill Pond Road for conservation purposes, and he emphasized that the statements made this evening concerning Low or Moderate Income Housing should not be construed that he is not in favor of such housing. He then asked if the board members would indicate if they favor the land acquisition article. Mr. Doody stated that there was much evidence that the town wants this property and he would be in favor of it. Mr. Hart stated he favored the article and Mr. Markham stated he favored the first three articles, and also he indicated he was in favor of the intent of Article 4 to acquire the land for conservation purposes.

Board members indicate approval for article to acquire land, for conservation purposes.

Mr. Humphrey asked that the board forward a letter to the Planning Board to ask that they consider complying with the state law to set aside areas for use in the town for Low and Moderate Income Housing. He then moved, seconded by Mr. Doody, to have such a communication sent to the Planning Board, and it was voted unanimously.

Planning Board requested to set aside land areas for Low Income Housing

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

On Dec. 23rd, 1971, the following-named persons were selected for Jury Service, by Mr. Lannan:

1. Edward T. Cisler, 32 Rainbow Avenue, for Cambridge Superior Court.
2. Dean D. Giroux, 17 Empire Street, " " " "

Jurors Drawn.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, December 27th, 1971; 9:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided. The Town Counsel, Clement McCarthy, was also present.

Reporters present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:
1. Joseph Shimko, of Radio Station WCAP, arrived at 9:25 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 9:25 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 9:25 P.M.

All three reporters departed from the meeting at about 9:40 P.M.

Chairman explains reasons for holding this special meeting.

Mr. Lannan explained the purpose of holding this Special Meeting, citing the need for the Selectmen to take affirmative action concerning the acquisition of land of the D & B Homebuilders, Inc., now that the voters had approved the land taking and purchase of the property at a Special Town Meeting held earlier in the evening.

Selectmen take official vote to acquire land for conservation purposes.

Mr. Doody then moved that the board empower the Town Counsel to take the necessary action to acquire the land of the D & B Homebuilders, Inc. as authorized by the voters at the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Humphrey then requested that the motion be made in more detail, to spell out the entire record. He then read from a prepared statement suggesting the vote contain the following-mentioned provisions: "That the Board of Selectmen vote as per direction given as well as authorization for same, in requirement to the will of the people demonstrated at the Special Town Meeting held this date, December 27th, 1971 at the Town of Chelmsford High School, under Articles 3 & 4, to seize by Eminent Domain, or by other means, the land in question as described by Article 4 in the Special Town Meeting Warrant." Mr. Humphrey then asked if the Town Counsel would find this statement as a proper vote. Mr. Clement McCarthy agreed that this vote would be proper, and also he informed the board that after the vote is taken, the Order of Taking should be signed, and he would then take steps to have the Order of Taking recorded at the Registry of Deeds, and send out the statutory notices by registered mail to the interested parties on the following day. Then Mr. Doody moved that the board empower the Town Counsel to take the necessary action to acquire the land of the D & B Home Builders, Inc., as per direction given as well as authorization for same, in requirement to the will of the people demonstrated at the Special Town Meeting held this date, December 27th, 1971 at the Town of Chelmsford High School, under Articles 3 & 4, to seize by Eminent Domain, or by other means, the land in question as described by Article 4 in the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. There were no further comments on the vote at this time.

Order of Taking signed.

Then each member of the board signed the Order of Taking.

Order of Taking signed for acquiring additional land at North Town Dump.

Then the Selectmen signed an Order of Taking of certain land of T. W. Sugden Co., Inc., located in North Chelmsford and adjacent to the property of the Town Dump off Swain Road, under the authority of the vote under Article 15, of the Special Town Meeting called for Nov. 8, 1971, and at adjourned session thereof held on Nov. 22nd, 1971, for purpose of implementing a Sanitary Landfill Facility. The Selectmen, at a prior meeting, had authorized the Town Counsel to prepare the Order of Taking based on the authority given by town meeting vote.

Meeting adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

On Dec. 28th, 1971 a majority of board members approved the granting of a special permit for the serving of food only until 5:00 A.M. on Jan. 1st, 1972 by the Mai Kai, Inc., d/b/a Mai Kai Restaurant at 131 Drum Hill Road. Such a permit had been granted during late 1970. Fee waived.

Special permit granted to Mai Kai Restaurant for sale of food.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Dec. 28th, 1971; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Humphrey was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Hart was also unable to attend inasmuch as he was attending a conference with members of the Varney Playground Commission. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:25 P.M.
2. Charles D. Harrington of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:35 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 8:05 PM.

Reporters present.

The meeting was called in order to conduct a conference with other town officials, who were present as follows:

Members of the Board of Appeals, Charles J. Higgins, Chairman, Velma Munroe, Carol J. diCiero, Elizabeth H. Teeven, and Robert L. Kydd, and S. Robert Monaco, both alternates. Also Charles A. House, Clerk, was present.

Various town officials present.

Building Inspector, Peter J. McHugh, Jr., and Health Department Director, Thomas W. Morris, and the Wire Inspector, Harold M. Tucke, Jr. Also present was Louis Levine, attorney for the D & B Home Builders, Inc, to discuss application of Riverside Realty Trust to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Lannan explained the reasons for conducting this meeting. He stated that the purpose was to outline the steps the Selectmen and various town officials should take to follow and comply with the provisions of the General Laws, as they relate to Housing for persons with Low and Moderate Income. Mr. Lannan stated that a vote was passed at the recent Special Town Meeting held Dec. 27th, 1971 to acquire land from the D & B Home Builders, Inc. at Russell Mill Pond Road, and he emphasized that this action by the voters should have no effect on the Board of Appeals hearing, and the case should be heard. Mr. Lannan reported also that the Order of Taking for this land acquisition had been signed by the Selectmen and recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Lannan cautioned that the town officials must be certain to comply with all aspects of the law. Mr. Lannan then read certain extracts from the law, regarding the procedures to be followed by the Board of Appeals, and the letter dated Dec. 23rd, 1971 from the Board of Appeals was read aloud. Mr. Lannan asked if all the plans had been received. Mr. House reported that the building and site plans had been submitted. Mr. Charles Higgins reported that the Board of Appeals now have all the information needed, as far as they knew, to help the Selectmen and other town officials make a decision. Mr. Lannan asked that this material now be made available to all boards and officials. Mr. Higgins stated that all information will be made available in the office of Mr. House , and he asked the representative from the D & B Home Builders, Inc., if additional copies could be made available. Mr. Louis Levine stated additional copies would be available, and he emphasized that the company will follow all the present town building regulations. Mr. House then explained the work which had been done on this application to date. Mr. Lannan asked if there were any further requirements for the Selectmen to consider. At this point Mr. Higgins questioned the name of the applicant, Riverside Realty Trust, and its connection with the D & B Home Builders, Inc. and Mr. Levine explained that they are two different entities, and the Trust had been set up under requirements of the state laws, as an application under this statute must come from a trust with a non-profit status. Mr. Morris asked questions about the specifications for sewerage systems. Mr. Markham commented that it appears the

Atty. for land development company present.

Chairman explains reasons for holding this special meeting.

Plans made to receive reports from various departments for Appeal Board Hearing.

Conference with local officials regarding Board of Appeals Application continues.

Board of Appeals are covering all subjects and avenues relating to this application. Mr. Levine once again stated that the applicant has a definite plan to build within the existing by-laws of the Town of Chelmsford and he stated that he felt the Chelmsford Board of Appeals had already gone beyond what other such boards in other communities had done, and he felt the local board had been most thorough in its work to date. Then Mr. Lannan asked that boards file their reports with the Selectmen by Jan. 3rd, 1972.

Then at about 8:05 P.M. the conference concluded and was adjourned.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Dec. 29th, 1971, at 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided. Mr. Humphrey was unable to be present due to illness.

Reporters present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:
1. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly. She arrived at 7:22 P.M. and departed at 9:15 P.M. approximately.
2. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel. She arrived at 7:25 P.M. and departed at time of adjournment at approximately 10:15 P.M.
3. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun. He arrived at 7:26 P.M. and departed at about 9:20 P.M.

Dividend check from Life Insurance Company presented to the Town.

A short conference was held with Mr. William J. Hennessy at which time he presented to the Chairman, Mr. Lannan, a check from the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company for dividend of $6,975.00, and information regarding $2,200.00 for a 15% rate reduction for the current policy year. The dividend relates to the policy year from July 1, 1970 thru June 30th, 1971. Mr. Lannan accepted the check in behalf of the town, stating that it would be transmitted to the Town Treasurer promptly. A photographer was present to take a picture of the presentation.

Proposal presented re: purchase of additional insurance under group plan.

Mr. Hennessy then presented letters to each member of the board concerning a proposal to allow town employees, presently under the Group Life Insurance Plan, to purchase additional life insurance, at no cost to the town. He was asked to forward copies of the legislation about this subject. It was also stated that the question had come before the Selectmen previously, and must be presented to the voters in the form of a referendum on the town election ballot. The subject was taken under advisement.

Character report signed.

A certificate of character was signed by the board for Mr. Herbert E. Willman, Jr., of 15 Gelding Road, an Incorporator for the Society of Certified Data Processors, Inc., afte the board received a character and police report from the Police Chief.

Conference with members of the Industrail Dev. Commission and new Industrial Representative.

At about 7:40 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Industrial Development Commission and the new Industrial Development Commission Representative. Those present included Mr. Philip Stratos, Harold B. Higgins, Robert E. Sayers, and Walter S. Dronzek, all members of the Commission, and Mr. Francis J. Doherty, the new Representative. Mr. Lannan explained the purpose and objectives for creating the new position, and that an effort would be made by Mr. Doherty to work with the Commission and assist them in many respects. Mr. Philip Stratos then asked various questions as to the relationship of the new representative to the commission; who will assign the duties and work to be done, would the representative report to the Commission; would there be an expense account for him to use, and would he attend the meetings of the Commission and would he report to the Selectmen. Mr. Lannan stated that basically Mr. Doherty would be working for the Selectmen; that his time is checked, and accountable to the Emergency Employment Office Director, and his duties would be to assist the Industrial Commission. Mr. Lannan further explained that Mr. Doherty should be informed of the date, time and place of the commission meetings so that he can be present; that the salary will come from Federal EEA funds, and the subject of assignment of duties would be a responsibility of the Industrial Commission, and the Commission should make requests to him for the contacts with industrial firms which should be made. Mr. Lannan stated that some traveling expenses can be assumed by the EEA budget, but any brochures and printed material would be paid by the Industrial Commission. Then certain questions were asked about filling vacancies on the Industrial Commission and Mr. Coburn reported that he has no information now that vacancies exist. It was stated that this matter would be checked with Mr. Albert Walker, Chairman. Then Mr. Francis Doherty spoke briefly, saying that he had already read and studied the files of the Industrial Commission, and he plans to attend the next meeting of the commission scheduled for Jan. 11th, 1972 and he hopes to be able to assist the commission in its work. The meeting then concluded.

Conference with Ind. Commission & Representative continues.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 13th, 1971.

Minutes approved.

It was decided to postpone taking any action on approval of minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 20th, and special meeting of Dec. 27th, 1971 to allow the members more time to read same.

Approval of minutes of meeting postponed.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee in which information and a recommendation was given concerning the selection of an engineering and consulting firm. Mr. Lannan suggested that no action be taken on this subject until the town has been informed of the legal opinion now being prepared from the state Attorney General's Office. Mr. Hart reported that Mr. Polubinski had already informed the engineering firm that there would be a delay in making a selection until the legal opinion is received.

Recommendations rec'd. re: selection of engineers for Crystal Lake Project.

A notice was received from the Dept. of Public Health of the state regarding the holding of hearings for adoption of revised regulations for Control of Air Pollution. It was decided to forward copies of this notice to the Board of Health and the Environmental Advisory Council.

Notice re: hearings for regulations on Air Pollution.

A report was received from the Dog Officer, Frank J. Wojtas, in which he stated he had investigated the complaint of Mrs. Natalie Svetlichny of 9 Samuel Road, against dogs owned by Mrs. Hank Karow of 10 Muriel Road, and he indicated that a public hearing would solve this problem. It was decided to contact the complainant and inquire if she still wanted to have a Public Hearing conducted, and if so, the hearing would be scheduled.

Report received re Dog Complaint.

A letter was received from Atty. James M. Geary, Jr., in behalf of his client, Spiro Vrouhas, d/b/a Spiro's at 257 Littleton Road, to request that the board re-consider a request for change in the hours of operation of the business. Mr. Lannan read the letter from Atty. Geary to the board and asked if the members wanted to reconsider their earlier decision, or would they want to invite the parties to meet with the board. Mr. Doody commented that the hours presently are similar to other business firms, and this appears to be fair. Mr. Hart stated he felt the board has reasons for the 11:00 P.M. closing time, and this is late enough; especially for young people to return home at a reasonable hour. He stated he is willing to hear more on this case, but he felt there is no reason now to change the earlier decision. Mr. Markham commented that the 11:00 P.M. closing time is a uniform hour in our town and although he is not opposed to inviting them to meet with the board, he asked what more can be said. He stated he felt that if this request is granted, more requests will come in to change other hours. Mr. Lannan asked if the board should now write to re-affirm the earlier decision, and that they can see no reason why a later hour of closing is necessary. It was then agreed that the board would re-affirm the previous decision, and if there are other reasons for a later closing, not already mentioned in the two previous letters, the board would be willing to hear these reasons and a conference can be arranged if they wish.

Request received to extend hours of operation of a restaurant.

Bids received and taken under advisement for printing various town reports and books.

At 8:00 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for the Printing of the Annual Town Reports, the Finance Committee Reports, the Men & Women Books and the Voting Lists. No bids were received for printing of Voting Lists per order of the Town Clerk, inasmuch as the work will be handled in a different manner.
Other bids are listed as follows:

A. For the Annual Town Reports- 2,700 copies to be delivered:
   1. Picken Printing, $19.90 per page. Deduct $44.00 from cost if covers are printed at Nashoba School.
   2. Highlander Printers & Lithographers, $20.25 per page, and $1.85 per page for half tones. Deduct $52.00 from cost if covers are printed at Nashoba School.

B. For the Finance Committee Reports - 3,000 copies to be delivered:
   1. Picken Printing, $22.50 per page.
   2. Weston Printing Co. 17.80 per page.
   3. Highlander, 23.65 per page.

C. For the Men & Women Books, - 200 copies to be delivered:
   1. SemLine, Inc., $4.72 per page.
   2. Picken Princtin, 3.50 per page.
   3. Highlander, 3.95 per page.
   4. M. L. Stiefel & Co., 5.15 per page.

It was decided to take the bids for Town Report Printing under advisement, for checking and study, and to forward the bids for the Finance Committee Reports to the Finance Committee for their decision, and the bids for the Men & Women Books to the Town Clerk for her decision.

Conference with Varney Playground Commission cancelled.

A conference scheduled for 8:15 P.M. with members of the Varney Playground Commission was cancelled, and it was reported that it will be rescheduled at a later date. The conference was planned for a discussion about lighting for the playground area.

Liquor License Application Withdrawn without prejudice.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for 8:30 P.M. on the application of Philip J. McCormack, for the issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store, Wines & Malt Beverages License, at 321 Acton Road. Shortly before the 8:30 P.M. appointed time, Atty. Nicholas J. Mazzoni, representing the applicant, Mr. McCormack, announced that his client wished to withdraw the application without prejudice inasmuch as officers and/or members of the First Baptist Church of South Chelmsford intended to file a written objection to the granting of such a license. Then Mr. Robert Hubbard and Mr. Alfred Lowell, identified themselves, as the official representatives of the church body, and they presented such a letter, authorizing them to appear in behalf of the church body, and also a letter signed by the Church Clerk stating they are opposed to the granting of any liquor license so close to a church building. The church property abuts the premises of Mr. McCormack. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to accept the request that the application of Mr. McCormack be withdrawn without prejudice. Adv. Costs: $28.75.

Board decides to adopt a four-way "Stop" plan for intersection of School St. and Graniteville Rd.

A report was received from the Police Chief concerning a previous request of Mrs. Jack Hadley of 64 School Street, to make the intersection of School Street and Graniteville Road a four-way "Stop" intersection. The Police Dept. report recommended that such steps be taken, perhaps on a trial basis, to see if there will be an improvement in traffic safety. Mr. Doody stated that it would appear that the board should now try the four-way "Stop" plan. Mr. Hart concurred as he said there might be an improvement and possibly less accidents. Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan agreed. Then, on a suggestion by Mr. Doody, it was agreed to install "Stop" signs on School Street, and that the wording "Stop" be painted on the roadway of School Street, as recommended by the Police Dept., and that the safety car of the Police Dept. monitor the location for a period of thirty days, to see if any difficulties arise, and then to forward a report to the Selectmen about conditions after the signs are installed. It was agreed that the Acting Supt. of Streets, should now prepare and install the signs, do the road painting, and when completed so notify the Selectmen and the Police Dept. A reply will also be sent to the petitioner, Mrs. Hadley, to inform her of this decision.

A notice was received and read from the Northern Middlesex Area Commission stating that the annual membership assessment to the town would be the sum of $8,261.02, an increase over the 1971 assessment. The board expressed concern over this increase, and Mr. Markham suggested that the Selectmen confer with the Planning Board about the increased costs. Mr. Doody concurred and it was finally decided that communications should be sent to the Planning Board and to the Finance Committee to ask that the Selectmen be notified of the date, time and place when this subject would be discussed by the two boards and NMAC, and if a preliminary conference is found to be advisable with just the local boards, the Selectmen would like to participate in all discussions.

Discussion held re: Annual NMAC membership assessment.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to appoint Mr. George A. Parkhurst of 7 Overlook Drive, as a member of the Preliminary Executive Committee to Plan a Celebration of the Revolutionary Bicentennial in Chelmsford in 1975 and 1976.

Member appointed to Revolutionary BiCentennial Celebration Comm.

A letter was received from the Lowell Mental Health Center in which a request was made that the town consider setting up assistance to handicapped children, in a Day Care Center, under the EEA Program. Mimeographed sheets to explain the objectives of the program were given to each board member and it was decided to make no decision in this matter until such time as the members had opportunity to read the material. Mr. Lannan explained that inquiries had been made to the state Manpower Office about setting up this type of a program and it was learned that such employees must work within a concortia, and those working in Lowell would come under the Lowell EEA program. Mr. Lannan reported that an application has already been filed with the Lowell EEA office, and presently there are some persons participating in a program in Chelmsford, and we may be able to give some help. Mr. Lannan explained that the state CMA office must first approve the program and that "Lag Funds" might be used. Mr. Doody suggested that the board study the program first. It was decided to release copies of the material to members of the press. Mr. Markham suggested that the sponsers of the program come before the board to further explain the project. It was decided not to schedule such a conference until the board members could read the material already submitted.

Request received fro Lowell Mental Health Cente to set up Day Care Center for Handicapped children under EEA Funding.

The Adm. Assist. was requested to make immediate inquiry to members of the Personnel Board, Mr. Peter J. McHugh, and Mr. Marvin W. Schenk to learn if they will be willing to serve on the negotiating teams for new contract for Fire and Highway Department employees.

Inquiry to be made to Personnel Bd. regarding Labor Meetings.

It was decided to now establish dates for the first Labor Contract Negotiation Meetings. Mr. Doody suggested that an inquiry now be sent to the attorney for the Fire Dept. Employees to suggest either Tuesday, Jan. 18th, or Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M., and the location of the meeting to be determined later. It was decided to ask Mr. Humphrey for a suggested date for the Highway Dept. negotiation meeting.

Date set for first Labor Meetings.

A discussion followed regarding the ordering of needed street light(s) for Diane Lane. A request had been received from Mrs. Noel Kuffner of 6 Diane Lane. Mr. Markham expressed the thought that prompt action should be taken on this request, and he offered to view the area to determine the needs. It was agreed that he should make the survey and submit his recommendations to the board.

Street Light Request for Diane Lane to be studied.

The Selectmen then discussed the subject of sidewalk plowing, along streets in the vincity of certain schools. Earlier a letter had been received from the School Department requesting that the sidewalks be opened each time after a snow storm, and that numerous inquiries had been received. Mr. Markham asked that the subject be checked to see what the School Dept. and Highway Dept. do after each storm, and to determine the responsibility of each department. Mr. Markham agreed to investigate the subject for the board.

Subject of sidewalk plowung at schools discussed and to be investigated.

Information received that several positions would be available under EEA program.

Mr. Lannan read a notice concerning the funding of Section 6 positions under the EEA Program. He stated that there would be four positions available for Chelmsford; one for a Purchasing Offic er, one for Clerk-Typist , and one for a Custodian for the Police Dept. and one for Highway Department Laborer. Mr. Lannan suggested that the board examine the folders available this evening for filling these positions, as the interviews had been conducted and the applications had been examined. He stated that the files had been set up in the order of applicant needs. Mr. Hart stated that due to need for filing the positions quickly, there would be no time to advertise. Mr. Markham asked questions as to the number of positions to be filled in the consortium and Mr. Lannan replied that there would be thirty-five positions with four for Chelmsford, and all applicants had come from the Div. of Employment Security and or the Welfare Department, and the filling of these four positions would be under the direction of the Selectmen.

Reporters depart.

Two reporters, Mrs. Kierce and Mr. Harrington, departed at this point in the meeting.

Conference with Planner and Draftsman of Highway Department to discuss the state "Topics" program.

Certain Highway Projects planned to improve traffic safety.

At about 9:20 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald and Mr. Thomas W. Fuller, Planner for the Highway Department and Map Draftsman for the Highway Department respectively, regarding a discussion concerning the state DPW "Topics" program. Mr. Grunewald read from a prepared statement, to inform the board that such a program for Chelmsford could be beneficial and would offer various improvements for safety, if applications were filed with the state. He explained that the financing would come from Federal Aid for Highways, and would apply to all connecting roads, heavily traveled roads, and congested areas, and where unsafe conditions exist. He stated there are procedures to follow, for selection of sites, and he made comparisons to the Town of Methuen which had taken advantage of the program and was of similar size to Chelmsford. Mr. Grunewald referred to the DPW report for the board to examine if they so desire. Many further details pertaining to the program were presented. Then Mr. Grunewald and Mr. Fuller cited two locations where they believed a "Topics" plan could be implemented. They suggested the area at Route 110, and Route 3, at Eastgate Plaza and Cinema City, and the area at Dalton Road and Route 110, and plans were displayed to show suggestions for traffic safety improvements. It was stated that normally, when applications are prepared, that various site locations are listed, and often times these location costs are about $400,000. and are considered in one package by the state. Then Mr. Lannan commended Mr. Grunewald and Mr. Fuller for a most comprehensive and clearly-explained presentation. Mr. Doody suggested that Mr. Grunewald contact the Town off Wellesley to learn their expiernces in this program, and to learn if the state makes many requirements of the municipality. Mr. Grunewald stated that the town must assume the cost of land takings, but beyond this, the state usually makes only suggestions. Then Mr. Doody, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham complimented Mr. Grunewald and Mr. Fuller. Mr. Markham then asked various questions about the earlier proposal to have a fourth ramp to Rte.3 from Route 110, and explanations were given as to reasons why the state DPW had disapproved such a plan. Mr. Markham also asked questions about the Highway Dept. Waste & Garbage Collection Schedules which will commence on Jan. 3rd, 1972 and Mr. Grunewald stated that the subject of schedules had been under study to improve the pickup service. Mr. Markham stated he was interested in this subject to determine if another Waste Collection truck is actually needed. Mr. Markham then asked Mr. Grunewald to prepare a letter of recommendation for projects to be planned under the "Topics" program, but Mr. Lannan suggested that the letter be delayed until contact is made with the officials of Wellesley. Mr. Doody also concurred. Then it was decided to postpone the filing of such a letter until additional facts are known.

Meeting Adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by C.H.Colburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, January 3, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Hart was unable to be present due to illness. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:
1. Charles D. Harrington of the Lowell Sun who arrived at 7:10 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel who arrived at 7:25 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly who arrived at 7:37 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:05 P.M.

Reporters present.

A Temporary Wines & Malt Beverages License for the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club, Inc., at 160 Mill Road, for January 7th, 1971 was granted. Fee: $0.50

License granted.

Mr. Humphrey requested that information now be sent to the Business Agent of the Union representing Highway Department Employees that negotiations for a new Labor Contract can now commence, and that the Agent should set a date convenient for him and certain Highway Dept. employees.

Date to be established for Labor Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 20th, 1971.
On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the special meeting of the board held on December 27th, 1971.
On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the special meeting of Dec. 28th, 1971.
It was decided to take no action at this time on the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 29th, 1971, to allow the members additional time to examine the material.

Minutes approved and accepted.

A letter was received from the Supt. of Schools, Dr. Thomas L. Rivard, in which he explained that no provisions had been made for the proposed new high school to accomodate the school administrative offices and that the use of the North Town Hall for such purposes would be necessary. Dr. Rivard suggested that the Selectmen consider a plan for use of schools for group meetings, as the Center Town Hall, at times, operates under crowded conditions. He further forwarded information as to the new regulations covering the use of school facilities for the Selectmen to study. Mr. Lannan stated that he had learned that meeting space for the National Mothers & Wives of Veterans Organization had not been adequate lately and he felt the board should extend whatever help they can to this group. Mr. Doody suggested that a conference be held with Dr. Rivard to see what additional help could be given by the School Department. Mr. Humphrey suggested that when the conference is held with Dr. Rivard that other groups be also invited, such as the Colonial Minutemen, and the National Mothers & Wives of Veterans and their needs could be explained directly to the School Supt. It was decided to invite a representative from each group, and to also send an invitation to Mr. James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee, to attend. All members agreed this would be the best plan to follow.

Discussion follows re: meeting space for town groups. Plans are made to meet with School Supt. and organization representatives.

Use of the upper meeting room for the Center Town Hall by the Chelmsford Water District for Friday evening, Jan. 21st, 1972, for Special Meeting of the Water District was approved.

Use of the Center Town Hall approved.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to accept the Application from Lionel D. & Josephine A. Marchand for permission to increase storage of Fuel Oils from 40,000 gallons to 60,000 gallons, all underground, at 8 Emerson Avenue, and to authorize the setting up of a hearing and advertising of the application.

Hearing authorized for Increase in storage of fuel oils

A copy of a letter was received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Water Resources Commission to the Sewer Commissioners, stating that the state agency had reviewed and approved the plans as prepared by the Engineeing Firm, Camp, Dresser & McKee, for a sewer system in Chelmsford. The letter was placed on file.

State Agency reports on Sewer Comm. plans.

Discussion held re: 1972 Budget for Nashoba Vocational School.

Notice was received from the Town Clerk, Mrs. Charlotte P. DeWolf, that she had been informed that the apportioned cost of the Nashoba School Budget for 1972 for the Town of Chelmsford would be $384,688.00. Mr. Humphrey asked if this is an increase over the costs of 1971 and he was informed by Mr. Markham that the increase is $200,000. plus, and this coming year would be the first year for a complete school year. Mr. Markham stated also that the anticipated enrollment had not been reached as yet. The projected enrollment would be about 525 students and now 500 are attending. Chelmsford, he said, has 40% of the enrollment and the projected number for Chelmsford is planned for 46%. Mr. Humphrey stated that Chelmsford students should be encouraged to enroll due to the excellent opportunities available, and such additional enrollments would alleviate some crowded conditions in the regular Chelmsford school system. Mr. Markham explained that the value of the courses offered is gradually being explained as each group of students leave the school at graduation, and that the Chelmsford Guidance Counselor offers advice to students as to the value of the courses being offered.

Public Hearing held and License Granted to Store Paint Thinners at premises of Electro Metals.

At 8:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was held on the application of Electro Metals, Inc., for storage of 250 gallons of Paint Thinners at 275 Billerica Road. When no one appeared to be present at the appointed hour, Mr. Doody moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to delay the commencing of the hearing until the applicant arrived. It was so voted by all the members present. Then at about 8:10 P.M. Mr. Joseph A. Liva, Vice President of the firm, arrived and the hearing was reopened. Mr. Lannan read the application and asked the applicant to explain the request. Mr. Joseph A. Liva then presented the Registered Mail, Return Receipts, to the Adm. Assist. giving evidence that the abutters had been properly notified. Mr. Liva stated that the firm is in the sheet metal electronic business and a certain amount of painting work is required, and in the past a small amount of paint thinners had been kept at the plant, but now larger amounts are needed, and thus the reason for making this application to the board. Mr. Liva stated that the paint thinners would be stored in a separate building away from the mail building. A plan was shown of the area and the distances were explained, and it was stated that the building would be of cement block construction for storage purposes only and it would be well vented. He said the use of the separate storage building was to overcome and prevent hazards in the main building. Mr. Liva stated that they keep in stock five different types of thinners, and approximately 50 gallons of each type; thus the request is for storage of a total of 250 gallons. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to grant the license. Fee: $5.00; Adv. Costs: $28.75; total due the town: $33.75. No abutters or interested persons attended this hearing.

School Dept. retroactive pay under Wage Freeze to be returned to Surplus Revenue.

A letter was received from the Supt. of Schools, Dr. Thomas L. Rivard, that the sum of $75,574.63, for retroactive pay for school department personnel, would be returned to Surplus Revenue on Dec. 31st, 1971, if no ruling is received from the Internal Revenue Service by that date, to set guidelines for payments under the Wage Freeze imposed by the government on Aug. 14th, 1971.

Letter of inquiry rec'd. from Lowell Purchasing Agent to learn if the town would participate in a collective purchasing plan. Letters to be sent to other town boards.

A letter was received from Mr. Francis L. Paul, Purchasing Agent for the City of Lowell, in which he explained that recent state legislation now makes it possible for political subdivisions to enter into collective and cooperative purchasing programs for the procurement of supplies and materials, and which could be very beneficial to the municipalities insofar as financial savings are concerned. Mr. Paul inquired if the Town of Chelmsford would be interested to pursue the subject of collective purchasing programs with the City of Lowell. Mr. Lannan stated that the subject cannot commence in Chelmsford until a Purchasing Officer is appointed under the Emergency Employment Act, and such an appointment is now under study, and has been funded. Mr. Humphrey commented that the Selectmen now need the cooperation of other town elected boards, and that letters of inquiry should now be sent by the Selectmen to each elected board to ask if we might have their concurrence and cooperation, in writing, as this may be a project which could save substantial sums of money for the town. It was agreed that such letters of inquiry should now be forwarded to the various town boards.

Information was received from the School Building Committee relating to the need for installation of protective fencing along the property of the Penn Central Railroad at the Byam School. Earlier the Selectmen had asked for certain facts, such as distances, and number of pupils exposed to the dangers, so that a comprehensive report could be forwarded to the state to request that the fencing be approved under new legislation which allows the state DPU to conduct a hearing on such an application. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Town Counsel now take the necessary steps to file the application with the DPU. The board approved of this suggestion. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the material be forwarded to the Town Counsel, for his study, and for the preparation of a suitable application to the state to have the protective fencing installed. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted by all the members present.

Selectmen vote to request the Town Counsel to file application for fencing along railroad property with the state DPU

Various articles for the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting were received from the Planning Board; all relating to rezoning certain areas and to revise the Town Zoning Code. Later in the evening two Planning Board Members, Mr. Thomas E. Firth, Jr., Chairman, and Mr. Stephen D. Wojcik, Vice Chairman, met briefly with the board to ask that the article already submitted to the Selectmen for rezoning from Limited Industrial, IA District to Single Residence, RB District (land in East Chelmsford) be designated in the Warrant as an article received by Petition, and not one sponsered by the Planning Board. Then the article, with names of signers of the petition, was presented to, and accepted by the Selectmen.

Articles for Warrant for Annual Town Meeting received from the Planning Board.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference was held with the Fire Chief, Frederick H. Reid, the Deputy Fire Chief, Edward G. Quinn, and Mr. Stuart R. Plumer, Director of Real Estate, and Mr. Raymond Unzeld, Security Manager, and Mr. Leo Miller, Merchandise Manager, all of the Giant Stores Corporation, and Mr. Raymond A. Carye, President of the Alpha Development Corporation, to discuss the application for storage of 5,000 gallons of Class A Inflammables at 9 Stuart Road. The Selectmen, at a prior hearing on this application, had asked various questions, all directed to the Fire Chief, and this conference was conducted to obtain these answers and learn additional facts about the safety precautions which should be taken. Choef Reid stated that the Trailers where the inflammables will be stored will be marked. He then explained various procedures which must be followed as they are legally required. He explained that the Fire Department has the jurisdiction to issue the permit for storage of 3,000 gallons for a six-month period, and if later it was found that all the requirements had not been met, or other factors had to be considered, the Fire Dept. would not renew the permit. Chief Reid stated that it was his opinion that the safest place would be to store in the two trailers, inasmuch as the area is enclosed by fencing and a guard is on duty during the daytime hours, and water is available nearby. He said that the merchandise is carefully packed to meet interstate shipment requirements and he could not see any real problem. He added that the state law requires that the merchandise be marked and labeled, and he suggested that signs with the wording "Danger" be placed on each trailer. Mr. Doody then asked if it wouldn't be best to have fencing surrounding the trailers themselves, but the Chief stated that a second fencing would be too restricted. Mr. Doody stated he felt some fencing or obstruction would be advisable and Chief Reid suggested that perhaps curbing would be helpful. Mr. Doody asked about the capacity of 3,000 gallons and if this might be too large an amount. Chief Reid stated that the company is presently servicing forty stores, and the merchandise is contained in small-type packages, and they do need a substantial inventory available. Mr. Humphrey then stated he wanted to welcome the Giant Stores Corporation to Chelmsford, and he also wanted the officials to know that the Selectmen do not want to hinder their operation, but it was absolutely essential to take all precautions to be certain that hazards do not exist, and the public safety must be considered. Mr. Humphrey asked the Chief if the Selectmen should now revise the license to 3,000 gallons from 5,000 gallons requested. Chief Reid stated the license should be issued for 5,000 gallons, but the permit from the Fire Dept. would be for 3,000 gallons.

Conference held regarding issuance of a License to Store Class A Inflammables.

Conference held with applicants and Fire Dept. Officials re: storage of Class I Inflammables. License then granted.

Mr. Humphrey then stated that if the board had received this information at the time of the previous hearing, the board perhaps could have acted on the request sooner. He then asked the Fire Chief for a report, in writing, on this subject, to guide the Selectmen. Mr. Plumer stated that he would be willing to work with the Fire Chief, and would accept the recommendation that the permit be for 3,000 gallons. Mr. Carye informed the board that the Fire Department officials had been most cooperative to make this building a safe facility. Chief Reid also stated that many manhours had been used to have this property as safe as possible, and to advise the applicants as to the best way to proceed. Mr. Markham asked what the distance would be from the building to the end of the paved area and Mr. Unzeld stated it would be approximately fifty feet. At this point the board took final action. Mr. Doody moved that the license be granted to the Alpha Development Corp. and Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion, with the granting to be contingent upon receipt of written information from the Fire Chief. Then the vote followed with all members present and voting for the granting of the license. Fee: $5.00. Adv. Costs: $41.25.

President of Development Company informs Selectmen of steps taken for improvements and safety precautions.

At this point Mr. Raymond A. Carye informed the board of the efforts which had been made to make plans for the large trailer trucks to keep off town roads as much as possible, when the come to the industrial plants, and to have the vehicles gassed up at their own plants, rather than local stations, as a safety precaution. Mr. Carye also stated that efforts had been made to see if permission could be granted by the power company for extension of a road under the power lines in the vincinty of Turnpike Road and Route 129, and which would be advantageous to the town for further industrial expansion. Mr. Lannan informed Mr. Carye of the positions recently created under the EEA program for setting up the Office of a Highway Planner and Draftsman and the Industrial Commission Representative, and Mr. Carye was invited to confer with these new officials to see what help the town can offer.

Discussion held re: Help for Handicapped under EEA program. Subject to be investigated.

Mr. Lannan then spoke on the subject of the letter received from the Lowell Mental Health Center to determine if the town would be able to hire personnel in the work of helping retardees under the EEA program. Mr. Lannan reported that approval is needed from the Office of Manpower Affairs of the state, and that certain amounts of "Lag Funds" might be allocated for this purpose. He stated that a conference will be held later this week to see if the town can hire persons for this work to help with the projects for Camp Paul. Mr. Lannan stated that there is a possibility that we can assist to some degree if additional funds are made available and Mr. John Clark, EEA Director, has made contacts about this program to see what can be done.

Conference with Highway Draftsman to discuss state "Topics" Program.

Then a short conference was held with Thomas Fuller of the Highway Planning Dept. and he reported that a conference had been held with Mr. Thomas Lee, Executive Secretary for the Selectmen in the Town of Wellesley, regarding their experiences with the state "Topics" Program. Mr. Fuller stated that the "Topics" program had been a pilot plan for Wellesley since 1968 for an analysis of traffic needs, and the project had passed town approval; that signals had been planned and installed; that problems did develop, for the need for additional parking areas, since some parking facilities were lost; but steps were taken to overcome these problems, and since then the system has worked well, and they are well pleased with the "Topics" plan He then presented a sample agreement to the board for their study Mr. Doody then gave his comments as he stated he had been able to study the Town of Methuen Report, and he expressed the thought that this project would be an excellent vehicle for future planning.

Mr. Doody commented also that the program could be very advantageous to our town and it appears that the Town of Wellesley has had no adverse effects from the program there, and he indicated he was enthused about the plan now. Mr. Lannan stated that the town now needs some long range planning and he then read from a sample letter of application which could be used to apply for assistance. Mr. Lannan then asked for a motion to file such an application. Mr. Doody moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to file a written application to have the town participate in the state "Topics" program. It was then voted by all members present. It was decided to so notify the Highway Dept. and Planning Department and the Planning Board of this action.

Selectmen vote to participate in state "Topics" program.

A letter, with an article for the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, was received from the League of Women Voters, to appropriate funds for the Conservation Fund. It was decided to forward a request to the League President to inquire as to the reasons for filing this request inasmuch as the Conservation Commission had already submitted an article which a similiar request.

Inquiry to be sent to League of Women Voters to ask questions re: ATMtg.Article

A notice was received from the Law Offices of D'Agostine & Kadison, representing the D & B Home Builders, Inc., and Riverside Realtry Trust, stating that an Order of Taking, dated Dec. 27th, 1971, in their opinion is of no legal effect and has no divested title from the owners of record and other parties of interest. It was decided to be certain that the Town Counsel is informed of receipt of this document.

Notice rec'd. re: Order of Taking of Mill Road Pond Areas.

Notice was received from the Police Chief that regulations had been placed in force that no privately-owned vehicles shall be placed or located within the confines of the Police Station and that no repairs on same shall be made by Police Department personnel while on town property.

Notice rec'd. re: new Police Dept. regulations.

A request was received from the Board of Appeals that they be permitted to confer with the Town Counsel to obtain legal advice as to the processing of an application for a Comprehensive Permit for Riverside Realty Trust. The board authorized and approved the request.

Board of Appeals permitted to seek Legal Advice.

A discussion then followed regarding the awarding of the contract to print the Town Report. After some discussion, on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to award the contract to the low bidder, Picken Printing, for a price of $19.90 per page, and to deduct sum of $44.00 from total cost of book if the cover is printed at the Nashoba School.

Contract awarded for Printing Annual Town Report.

Mr. Humphrey then requested that a second inquiry be sent to the Planning Board for information concerning the legislation filed by NMAC which relates to rezoning changes in municipalities. Earlier a request had been sent to obtain details about this legislation.

Inquiry to be sent to Planning Board re: new legislation.

Mr. Humphrey, at this point, brought up the subject of status of the claims sent to the Flood Relief Board for reimbursement to the town and if there are problems concerning the bill which the legislature passed in 1970 to authorize financial help to the town to restore the lake wall and body of water. Mr. Humphrey stated that sometime ago he noticed that there were press releases indicating that the State Representative had learned there were problems relating to the bill, and he asked that an inquiry now be sent to Rep. Freeman to ask if this is so, and what the problem might be. He also expressed concern that this subject is continuing on in an indefinite manner and it will soon be two years since the flooding, and no actual work had commenced to restore the lake. He also asked that an inquiry be sent to the Flood Relief Board to learn the status of our application for reimbursement, and the reasons for the delays.

Inquiries to be sent out pertaining to status of Crystal Lake Restoration.

Mr. Lannan reported that the next step regarding Lighting for the Varney Playground, would be a conference with the School Board, according to advice, received from Mr. Hart.

Conference to be held with School Dept. re: Varney Playground lighting.

Meeting adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to adjourn at about 10:05 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Jan. 10th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Representatives from the news media were present as follows:
1. Joseph Shimko, of Radio Station WCAP, of Lowell, Mass., arrived at 7:20 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:28 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
4. Gus Webster, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at approximately 7:50 P.M.
All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:45 P.M.

Character reference signed.

A character reference certificate was signed for Richard M. Ring, of 37 Charlemont Court, an incorporator for the Northeast Bicycle Club, Inc., located in Boston, Mass., as requested by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Board to discuss Articles for Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

It was decided to hold a conference on Saturday morning, Jan. 15th, 1972, at the Selectmen's Office, to check and read the files containing the Articles for the Annual Town Meeting. The conference to commence after a visit to the Belvidere School to inspect the premises of this school which closed recently.

Judges declare "No contest" for Town Report cover.

It was decided to accept the advice of the Judges for the Contest to select a cover for the Annual Town Report, and declare this year's few entries as a "No Contest." It was further decided to now contact the Nashoba Vocational School to determine if the first honorable mentioned winner in the 1970-1971 contest would offer permission for the use of his entry to be used as the cover for the Annual Town Report of 1971.

Town Clerk requested to forward Town Meeting approved regulations to Fin. Com.

Mr. Humphrey requested that the Town Clerk forward information to the Finance Committee regarding the final approved Town Meeting Regulations by the Attorney General, since the published regulations appeared to differ from those printed in the Finance Book for 1971.

Selectmen sign Proclamation.

At 7:30 P.M. a ceremony was held with Mr. George R. Bixby and Mr. Edward P. McKeon, both representatives of the Community Services Bureau, Inc., for the signing of a Proclamation. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to declare the date of January 20th, 1972 as Community Services Bureau Day in Chelmsford. A photograph was then taken of the board and Mr. McKeon as the proclamation was signed. Information was also presented to the board, in letter form, giving details as to the objectives of the organization and the various accomplishments since the work commenced.

Proclamation to be signed for Jaycee-ettes at next meeting.

A letter was received from the Chelmsford Jaycee-ettes requesting that they have the opportunity to meet with the Selectmen on Monday evening, January 17th, 1972 for the signing of a Proclamation for the organization. It was agreed to set u an appointment on that evening for 7:30 P.M. The proclamation, it was stated, would refer to Jaycee-ette Day to be observed on Jan. 20th, 1972.

Articles for Annual Town Meeting Received.

Articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant were received as follows:
1. From the Planning Board for Re-Zoning Areas along North Road.
2. From the Housing Authority, for Administration Funds and proposal to use property in North Chelmsford for assistance to the LARC Project.

Minutes of meeting accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the majority present at the regular meeting of Dec. 28th, 1971, to approve and accept the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 28th.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority of the members of the board, who were present at the meeting of Dec. 29th, 1971 to approve and accept the minutes of that particular meeting.

Minutes of meeting accepted.

It was decided to take no action at this time on the minutes of the meeting of Jan. 3rd, 1972 to allow the members more time in which to read the material.

Minutes not approved at this time.

It was decided to take no action at this time to set the hours for voting for the Annual Town Election.

Voting Hours to be established later.

In the presence of the Town Clerk, the following-named Jurors were drawn:
1. Herbert A. Childs, 15 Judith Road, For East Cambridge Superior Court.
2. Norman N. Richard, 270 Littleton Road, " " " " "
3. Alfred O. Gosselin, Sr., 184 Tyngsboro Road, For East Cambridge Superior Court.
4. Donald S. Millard, 9 Kensington Drive, " " " " "

Jurors Drawn.

A letter was read concerning the advisability of instituting Collective and Cooperative Municipal Purchasing and it was agreed that not too much can be planned for this project until the new Purchasing Officer is appointed. Letters were received from the Town Clerk and Board of Assessors in which they offered opinions. It was decided to place the information on file for the time being, and that the Purchasing Officer can do much in the future to implement this program.

Letter rec'd and placed on file relating to collective purchasing.

A letter was received from Mr. Martin K. Bovey of 115 High Street, in which he called the board's attention to the dangerous traffic safety conditions that exist along Acton Road, at a curve located between Bartlett Street and High Street, and that warning signs of curve ahead and need to reduce speed should be considered, and that careful attention should be given to the sanding and salting of the surface of the road near and beyond the curve, when icy conditions commence, as cars often leave the traveled way when traveling down grade. It was decided to forward a request to the Police Traffic Division for their recommendations for placing of certain signs in the area, and to request that the Highway Dept. give this area special attention for sanding during inclimate times during winter months.

Letter rec'd. regarding dangerous traffic safety conditions which exist along Acton Rd. Survey to be conducted.

A letter with petitions were received from Atty. Cornelia Adams of Lowell relating to their request to the Planning Board to make certain amendments to the town zoning laws, to set up certain areas for use as wetland plains within the town. Mr. Humphrey inquired if the petitioners would be forwarding additional material to the Selectmen to place a specific article, before the board, to indicate the locations of these wetland areas, and if so, the Selectmen should act favorably to accept the material if it is sent in. Other members of the board concurred with this suggestion. Earlier the Planning Board did request that such an article appear in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Information and petitions received re: ReZoning of locations for Wetland Areas.

A letter was received from the insurance carrier of Carol L. Hall of Concord, N.H. owner of a vehicle which was damaged by snow which had been pushed by a town snowplow onto her car, while she was driving on Route 3 on Nov. 26th, 1971. It was decided to forward requests to the Police and Highway Departments to ask that they send Accident Reports to the Selectmen concerning this case.

Notice rec'd of damages to automobile.

An application was received from Robert J. Wolfgang of 144 Parker Road, for appointment as a member of the Historical Commission. It was decided to place the application on file for future consideration.

Application received for appointment as a member of Historical Commission.

A letter was received from the former Town Counsel, Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., in which he forwarded a Deed to title of land along Shore Drive, at Crystal Lake, which was a gift to the town from Edgar C. Dixon, Edna Mansur and Ethel M. McGee, and which he suggested that the subject be placed before the voters at a Town Meeting, in the form of an article to accept the land as a gift. It was decided to investigate this subject before making any decision as the property had been taken by the town by Eminent Domain proceedings during 1970.

Deed to land at Crystal Lake rec'd.

Selectmen's budget to be amended.

It was decided to forward a request to the Finance Committee to amend the Selectmen's Expense Account figure for 1972 by adding the sum of $160.00 to cover increased cost in Association Dues for the Mass. Selectmen's Assn.

Discussion held re: procedures to be followed for railroad crossing repairs. Highway Dept. requested to provide information on present conditions.

A letter was received from the Penn Central Transportation Company in which they informed the Selectmen that final repair work at crossings located at Golden Cove Road and Central Square could not be completed now due to inclimate weather conditions, and they proposed a plan for the town to make emergency or needed repairs at the present time, and then bill the railroad company for reimbursement of the cost of these repairs. Mr. Humphrey stated that he felt if the town did do the work, and then bill the railroad, we might then be assuming some of the railroad's liability, and they should be the ones responsible for maintaining the corssings. Both Mr. Doody and Mr. Hart concurred. Mr. Markham asked if the Highway Dept. could do repair work on an emergency basis, and to inquire from the Town Counsel if we would be liable. He stated that he had visited the area and found that there is a need for work to be done. Mr. Humphrey commented that if an emergency does really exist, the town should help, and he did not feel a legal opinion is needed from the town counsel. It was finally decided to have the Highway Dept. give information to the board on the status of present conditions and to learn if there presently exists conditions of an emergency nature.

Complaint received re: Waste Collection Pickup Service.

A letter was received from Mrs. Nancy E. Parent, of 14 Arbutus Avenue, in which she made various complaints about the Waste Collection pickup service by Highway Dept. employees. It was decided to ask that the Acting Supt. of Streets forward a reply about this subject to the board for the Jan. 17th, 1972 meeting.

State Agency states that Realty Company must now apply for changes under wetlands variance.

A letter was received from the state Dept. of Natural Resources relating to the board's inquiry earlier about the changes which have been proposed by the D & B Home Builders, Inc., and/or Riverside Realty Trust, for comprehensive permit for extensive apartment housing project. The state agency indicated that because the applicant now plans to use the area in a different manner, the applicant must now present amended plans to the agency for their consideration. It was decided to forward a photocopy of this letter to the Board of Appeals inasmuch as a hearing had recently been held on this case and the decision is now pending.

Improved street lighting requested.

A request was received from the Marinel Transportation, Inc. for the installation of a street light at Ward Way and Groton Road now that the bus company garages and office is located off Ward Way, and improved lighting conditions are now needed. It was decided that the board members would view the location within a few days to determine the proper location, and size of a light to be installed.

Discussion held re: procedures for Public Bus Transportation Bids.

A short discussion then followed as to the procedures to be taken for obtaining price quotations for bus service for the new year. The Adm. Assist. reported that during 1971 bids were received during February, and funds were appropriated during March, and the new contract became effective during May 1971. It was decided to follow the same procedure this year. Mr. Humphrey asked that the Marinel Transportation, Inc. firm forward a financial statement to the board relating to their operations for 1971, for public bus transportation, as a similar statement was received a year ago. Other members of the board concurred with this suggestion.

Conference planned with Planning Board, Finance Comm. and NMAC representatives to discuss assessment, and plans for 1972.

A letter was received from the Planning Board concerning the assessment for membership to the Northern Middesex Area Commission for 1972. The Planning Board members indicated they were most willing to have a conference about this matter and they suggested that the Selectmen set the date. It was decided to plan a conference for Monday evening, January 24th, 1972 at 8:30 P.M. and to invite members of the Finance Committee and representativ(s) of the Northern Middlesex Area Commission, as well as the Planning Board members, to discuss the subject of assessment. Mr. Markham stated that he felt the board should prepare themselves for any discussions at the Annual Town Meeting, and should have information as to the accomplishments by NMAC during 1971 for the Town of Chelmsford, as well as the plans for projects for 1972 to benefit the town. Later, he said, he did not want to minimize the importance of the subject of assessments, but did feel these other factors should be given careful consideration.

A letter was received from the Northern Middlesex Area Commission, with copies of legislation which the Selectmen had requested, and which related to zoning changes within a community. It was decided that the subject would be reviewed at time of conference with the NMAC officials and Planning Board on Jan. 24th, 1972; thus allowing the board members ample opportunity to read the legislative material. During the discussion of this material Mr. Timothy Hehir and Mr. George O'Meara, of the Planning Board and NMAC respectively, were present but they did not take part in the discussion.

Copies of legislation of NMAC rec'd

The board also received an inquiry from the Planning Board to ask about the recent appointment of a Planner for the town, and if this new official would be available to assist the Planning Board when needed. Mr. Lannan explained that the Planner was hired for the Highway Department, and not for projects relating to the Planning Board as such. He further stated that perhaps there might be some projects which could be given to the Planner by the Planning Board. Mr. Doody suggested that the job descriptions should be forwarded to the Planning Board for the new Planner, Draftsman and Industrial Representative so that their duties would be known, and to determine if they could assist in certain ways. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a conference be held by the Planning Board and these new officials and the duties explained. It was finally decided to forward this suggestion to the Planning Board and that they make the arrangements for such a conference, and that a request also be sent to the Planner, Draftsman, and Industrial Representative to appear before the Planning Board, if requested to do so, and explain their work and to offer to assist, whenever possible. Mr. Markham expressed the hope that a relationship can be developed between the Planning Board and the Planner.

Planning Board inquires if services of new Planner would be available.

The Planning Board informed the Selectmen by letter that they would consider setting aside certain areas of the town to be used for Housing for Low or Moderate Income Persons, when a consultant is engaged to assist with this project. Mr. Doody expressed the hope that this work will be done as quickly as possible and Mr. Humphrey stated he hoped they would commence the work even without the services of a consultant. Mr. Hart, Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan concurred with these thoughts.

Planning Board to consider study of areas for Low & Moderate Income Housing.

A report was received from the Police Department in which a recommendation was made that a "Blind Driveway" sign be installed per the request of Mr. John H. Burke, of 57 Warren Avenue. It was decided to approve the recommendation and to instruct the Highway Dept. to prepare and install the sign.

"Blind Driveway" Sign to be installed.

A request was received from the School Supt., Dr. Thomas L. Rivard, that members of the School Committee be included to attend a conference on Monday, Jan. 17th, 1972 to discuss future use of school department facilities for town groups who need meeting space, and that the agenda be expanted to include other subjects, such as Garbage & Waste Collection, Sidewalks, Recreation, etc. The Selectmen agreed to the request and it was stated that another subject to be discussed would be that of Lighting for the Varney Playground and/or School Department Playgrounds and that a committee is needed to study this subject.

Conference agenda with School Dept. Officials expanded.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council, Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, requesting that a conference be arranged to discuss the subject of recycling and allied fields. It was decided to schedule such an appointment on Monday evening, Jan. 24th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. and that a thirty-minute time span be allocated for this purpose.

Conference planned with members of Environmental Advisory Council.

The Selectmen received a letter from Bradford O. Emerson, Realtor, stating that his office had received the listing of sale of the Belvidere School property, which had recently closed, and that town officials would be invited to inspect the building on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1972, commencing at 10:00 A.M. The Selectmen were invited to be present. It was decided to accept the invitation and to ask if the inspection could commence at about 9:30 A.M.

Selectmen invited to attend inspection of Belvidere School

Resident protests use of land near pond for apartment house buildings.

A copy of a letter which had been sent to the state Department of Natural Resources was received from Mr. Edward B. Bell of 71 North Road, in which he expressed the hope that the land adjoining the Russell Mill Pond would be left in its natural state and that apartments would not be constructed in the area. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Board of Appeals who recently conducted a hearing on this subject.

New regulations proposed by ABC.

Notice was received from the state Alcoholic Beverages Commission relating to a future hearing concerning adoption of revised rules and regulations for receipt of liquor license applications. It was decided that the material should be made available for the board to read and the members to present their comments at a later time, so that they may be forwarded to the state agency.

Application received for liquor license.

An application was received for the issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store, Wines & Malt Beverages License from John C. Armstrong, d/b/a as the Wine Rack, at 39 Mill Road. The Adm. Assist. informed the board that the application was incomplete inasmuch as it had not been properly signed and the description of the premises appeared to be incomplete. It was decided to return the documents to the applicant for completion.

Additional funds for EEA Program received.

Under the heading of new business, the following items were discussed; the first being subjects introduced by Mr. Lannan:

1. That a check had been received in the amount of $20,000. for EEA program from the Office of Manpower Affairs.

Subject of Study for Equitable Plan for Sewer Assessments discussed. Conference planned with Sewer Commissioners.

2. That various persons have inquired as to the steps taken recently to discuss or implement a plan for an Equitable cost of Sewer Assessments, and that this subject had been discussed at a previous special town meeting when Phase I of the Sewer Program was considered by the voters. Mr. Lannan asked if the Selectmen should plan to discuss this subject with the Sewer Commissioners. He also stated that a special committee appointed to study this question might be a most worthwhile project and as an example he cited the committee which the Selectmen had named for study of School Building Needs, after the voters had indicated they did want such a study made during discussions at the June 1970 Special Town Meeting. The School Building Committee had proven to be of much benefit to the town and their work most advantageous for future planning. Mr. Doody suggested that contact be made with the Sewer Commissioners to learn what is being done; and to see if they, too, are receiving inquiries; and do they plan to appoint a sub-committee, and if not; would they be receptive to do so now. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a conference be held later this month and he commented that he believed they should form such a committee and the study should be on a town-wide basis; and not for a particular area. Mr. Hart indicated that it is very important to have the study made. Mr. Markham indicated he believed a sub-committee may already be working , and there is a definite need to study the assessment question and the Selectmen should hear from the Sewer Commissioners about this. Mr. Lannan then suggested that the meeting be held on January 31st, 1972. Mr. Humphrey asked that the Adm. Assist. attempt to learn from the local newspapers if private committees have been at work on this subject and if so, to invite them to attend the conference planned for Jan. 31st, 1972.

Discussion held re: Employment for young people during vacation period.

3. That the board should consider a plan for employment of young people during summer vacation months on a temporary basis, and the the work of the EEA Office might be reduced after the Section 6 Funds have been recived, and personnel hired. Mr. Lannan suggested that the EEA Office work on such a project, and that the Community Services Bureau Inc. group assist, by first contacting commercial firms and manufacturing plants to determine if they will have job openings for the summer for young people. He also suggested that inquiries go to town departments, boards, commissions and committees to see if they would have job openings. Mr. Lannan informed the board that he had checked to see if there would be state and federal funds available for various work projects. Specifically he mentioned projects such as work at playgrounds, the town forests, recreational and conservation areas, and the cleaning of the brooks and streams. He stated that a survey of the area is now needed. Mr. Doody spoke in favor of such a program and he, too, suggested that members of the

Community Services Bureau, Inc. assist as they already had worked on plans for employment of local citizens on a full-time basis. Mr. Humphrey inquired about the federal "Camps" and Neighborhood Youth Program Projects and he asked that a letter be sent to the Community Teamwork, Inc. office to learn if these projects would be funded in 1972. Mr. Hart suggested that a list of names of interested young people be obtained, and Mr. Humphrey suggested that a notice be sent to the School Department for such information. Mr. Lannan stated that there should be a time for registration. Mr. Doody also commented that the persons connected with the Youth Center could assist. Mr. Markham asked if CTI already might have plans for a survey in our area. He also suggested that contact be made with the Guidance Office at the Nashoba Vocational School as students at that school might be interested. It was finally agreed by all members of the board that these suggestions should be now forwarded to Mr. John Clark of the EEA Office to see what steps can be done to start such a program.

Discussion continues re: program for employment of young people during summer vacation period.

Then Mr. Doody spoke about the Youth Center Project which had been presented to the board previously by Mr. Nystrom of the Nashoba Vocational School staff. Mr. Doody stated that discussions had been held about the subject and it was felt that the project may not be ready for presenting to the voters at the coming Annual Town Meeting. He asked that a second inquiry now be sent to the Tax Collector and the Board of Assessors to obtain their list of tax title lands which the town now has a final decree. He also stated that the Youth Center Study Committee had already discussed building plans and costs and furnishing needs, and that there will be another meeting to discuss the subject on Jan. 26th, 1972 at the Nashoba School.

Member reports on subject of Youth or Community Center Project.

Mr. Humphrey then asked about the status of the work and presentation of articles for the Annual Town Meeting from the East Chelmsford Fire Station Site Committee. Mr. Coburn reported that information had been received within the past few days that the appraisals were nearly finished and the articles would be delivered to the Selectmen's Office within a day or so.

Inquiry re: progress of work of Fire Station Site Committee.

Then Mr. Humphrey brought up the subject of the retirement of Mrs. Charlotte P. DeWolf, our able Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector, and he stated that it was his opinion that something should now be done to encourage persons to come forward to seek these offices. He said that to date two persons had taken out papers; one for all three positions and one for one position and he said that perhaps the lack of candidates might be due to the fact that the salary levels of these positions is presently too low to attract qualified persons. Then he read from a section of the Town Salary & Wage By-Law which allows the Selectmen to request the Personnel Board to study a question of salaries of certain elected officials and make recommendations. Mr. Humphrey then suggested that the board make such a request to the Personnel Board, and if two persons are elected, the subject should not be left to the Finance Committee. He also stated that the board should perhaps recommend that two individual offices be set up, as present salaries may be a detriment to the town, and the subject should be clarified. Mr. Lannan cited the case of Billerica where three persons hold these three positions separately, and that this subject had been discussed during mid 1971 when Mrs. DeWolf indicated that she wanted to retire. Mr. Humphrey then stated that he believed the two positions; that of Town Clerk, and Treasurer and Tax Collector, should be separated and this is needed now more than ever before due to volume of work. Then Mr. Humphrey moved to request that the Personnel Board take immediate steps to make recommendations for setting salaries of these two positions, and that the information be forwarded to the Finance Committee to be included in their Annual Report, per provisions of the Salary and Wage By Law. Mr. Doody seconded the motion. Mr. Markham concurred with this plan and commented that it was time now for a change and the Personnel Board should expedite the information. Mr. Doody suggested that the Personnel Board release the information to the public as soon as possible, and that a ruling may be needed from the I.R.S. Then a unanimous vote followed.

Discussion held and vote passed to request Personnel Board to make salary recommendations for of Towns Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer.

Discussion follows re: holding of two elected offices by same person at same time.

Mr. Humphrey then asked questions about the legality of a person holding two elected positions in a town at the same time, and that he had read in a newspaper that the Town of Tewksbury had such a provision in their new Charter, and they were seeking approval from the Attorney General about this stipulation. It was decided that an inquiry should be made by telephone to the Attorney General's Office to learn more of these facts. Mr. Markham commented that he had been faced with a similar question a year ago when he was seeking election as a Selectman, while holding elected membership on the Nashoba School Committee, and he was informed that he could hold the two positions, inasmuch as there was no statute in towns to prevent a person from holding more than one position. A question was asked if the matter should go to the Town Counsel. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to seek this advice from the Atty. General's Office, and if this is not possible, to then refer the matter to the Town Counsel.

Inquiry re: beginning of labor negotiation Meetings.

Mr. Hart then inquired as to the status of Labor Meetings which had been called for the near future. Mr. Coburn reported that letters had gone out to both Union Representatives and it was thought that the Fire Dept. negotiations would commence next week.

Report given re: EDA meeting.

Mr. Markham spoke about a meeting which had been held recently in Boston relating to the EDA program and our Industrial Development Representative had attended and found the meeting to be most worthwhile. Mr. Markham reported that Mr. Doherty will forward a report about the meeting to the Selectmen

Street Light order placed.

Mr. Markham also reported that a request for a street light on Diane Lane had been investigated by him; the order made up and signed, and now it was in the office of the power company for installation in the near future.

Discussion held re: Plowing of Snow from sidewalk areas.

Town Counsel to be requested to study proposed by-law to require snow plowing of sidewalks.

Mr. Markham then brought up the subject of plowing of snow on sidewalk areas near the schools and he stated he had conferred with School Dept. personnel and found that the problem was due to a lack of equipment in the Highway Department, and he cited locations where plowing is needed as school children in certain sections must walk to school, and they often travel along streets where there is much vehicular traffic, and they are exposed to dangers. He suggested that a report be obtained from the Acting Highway Supt. of Streets to determine the costs, need for additional equipment, to do this work. Mr. Markham then brought up the subject of having a by-law presented to the voters to require propertyowners to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their property and that the Town Counsel should prepare such a by-law. At this point Mr. Markham moved to have the Town Counsel prepar a by-law to require property owners to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their property. Mr. Doody seconded the motion. Then a discussion followed but no vote on this motion occurred. Mr. Humphrey asked various questions about the subject, such as whether the areas to be considered would be constructed, or fully installed sidewalks; that this requirement could be a severe burden for some homeowners. He said he wanted to take an action that would help and safeguard the children, but the question was a difficult one. He asked about penalty clauses, and who would enforce the by-law, and whether the town should take care of this snow removal work themselves. Mr. Hart stated that such a by-law would be a distinct hardship on older persons. Both Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan suggest that work start on the by-law preparation due to the need for improving safety conditions for the children. Mr. Markham stated that he would like to see the subject decided and if a by-law is made up, it could be modified to include the areas close to schools. Then Mr. Lannan suggested that an opinion be obtained to determine if such a by-law is in the best interests of the town; and if so, to ask advice on penalties and the wording of such a by-law. Mr. Lannan asked the question if the town owns the sidewalk areas, and then he suggested that the earlier motion be withdrawn and a new motion intoduced. Mr. Markham commented that he wanted to stimulate interest and discussion and he would agree to withdraw his earlier motion and now ask that the Town Counsel study the question and offer advice on the subject to determine if such a by-law should cover the entire town or areas one mile distant from the schools, what the penalties should be and who should enforce such a by-law, and if such a by-law is deemed advisable, that it be prepared and submitted to the Selectmen for discussion, and later to the voters. Mr. Markham then withdrew his earlier motion. Then Mr. Markham moved that the Town Counsel be requested to study the subject of such a By-Law and submit an opinion to the board as to the advisability of presenting such a proposal to the voters. Mr. Doody seconded the motion. Mr. Hart stated that a question for the board to consider would be, "Do the voters want such plowing of the sidewalks done?" The vote was then taken and all members voted in favor.

Town Counsel requested to study proposed by-law for plowing of sidewalks.

The board then voted to adjourn at the hour of 10:45 P.M. approximately.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

On January 17th, 1972, the following-named Jurors were drawn by Mr. Lannan:

Jurors Drawn.

1.	George F. Emerson,	31 Ruthellen Road,	For Lowell Superior Court.
2.	Edward W. Fletcher,	38 Billerica Road,	" " " "
3.	Peter A. Milan,	8 Walnut Road,	" East Cambridge Superior Court,
4.	Raymond T. Mersereau,	95 High Street,	" " " " "
5.	Nicholas A. Stratis,	71 Randall Road,	" " " " "
6.	Anthony P. McIlvenna,	10 Garland Road,	" " " " "

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Jan. 17th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:

1. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel who arrived at approx. 7:25 PM.
2. Charles D. Harrington of the Lowell Sun who arrived at approx. 7:28 P.M. and departed at approx. 10:20 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly who arrived at apprx. 7:32 P.M. Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Kierce departed at time of adjournment.

Reporters present.

The Selectmen adopted the following-mentioned meeting schedule for the month of February 1972. It was decided to hold regular meetings on Feb 7th, Feb. 14th, Feb. 21st, and Feb. 28th, 1972.

Meeting Schedule adopted.

A character report was then signed by the board members for Tony Mederios, of 13 Stearns Street, an Incorporator for the North Medford Club, Inc., located in Medford, Mass.

Character report signed.

The board unanimously agreed to adopt the following-mentioned hours for voting at the Polling Places for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 6th, 1972. The polls to be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a period of ten hours.

Hours for Voting at Annual Town Election Adopted.

Reports were received from the Police Department and the Highway Department relating to the claim of the National Grange Mutual Insurance Co. and Carol L. Hall, of Concord, N. H. for damages to her automobile while driving on Route 3, at which time a snow plow pushed snow from a bridge overpass onto her car. Both departmental reports stated they had no knowledge of this incident and from the description given by the insurance company, it appeared that the accident possibly did not even occur in Chelmsford, and it was decided to so notify the claim department of the insurance company of this fact.

Police & Highway Depts. indicate they have no information re: auto accident.

Notice was received from the Town Counsel that the building once occupied as the Lion's Den, and since damaged by fire, will be razed in the near future as a public safety precaution.

Bldg. to be razed.

Selectmen
proclaim dates
in January as
Jaycee Week.

At 7:30 P.M. the Selectmen met with members of the Chelmsford Jaycees. Those present included Peter A. Pisecco, John P. Murray, and Melvin R. Petersen, President. Mr. Pisecco and Mr. Murray were co-chairmen of the Committee to make plans for Jaycee Week and the 52nd Anniversary of the organization. The Jaycees presented a Proclamation for signing by the Selectmen. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to proclaim the week of Jan. 16th, through Jan. 22nd, 1972 as Jaycee Week in Chelmsford, and to make recognition of the 52nd Anniversary of this civic organization. The proclamation was then signed and a photograph was taken of this event.

Selectmen
proclaim
Jaycee-ette
Day.

At about 7:35 P.M. the Selectmen met with members of the Chelmsford Jaycee-ettes and they included Mrs. Susan C. Balco, President, and Mrs. Joyce E. Petersen, and Mrs. Phyllis R. Doughterty, both co-Chairmen of the Committee to make plans for Jaycee-ette Day in Chelmsford. A proclamation was presented to the board for signing. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to proclaim January 20th, 1972 as Jaycee-ette Day in Chelmsford. The proclamation was then signed and a photography of the ceremony was taken.

Minutes
accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3rd, 1972.

Action delayed
on acceptance of
Minutes.

It was decided to not take any action at this time on the minutes of meeting of January 10th, 1972 to allow the members more time to read the material.

Boston Bank
authorized
to be paying
agent on
School Loan.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to name the State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, to act as authenticating and paying agent on $10,240,000. School Project Loan, Act of 1948 Bonds authorized at the November 15th, 1971 Special Town Meeting. Mrs. Charlotte P. DeWolf, Town Treasurer, presented this request to the board for a vote and certification. The document was then signed by the Clerk, Mr. Paul C. Hart. It was stated that this vote was necessary inasmuch as there will be a change in the office holder for Town Treasurer during March 1972 as Mrs. DeWolf will retire.

Joint Pole
Location Petition Adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition of the NET&TCo. and Mass. Elec. Co. for 2 Joint Pole Locations on Sprague Avenue, approximately 298 feet west of Gorham Street, Petition No. 579, dated 11/2/71. No hearing was required and the petition was signed by the Clerk, Mr. Hart. The poles were formerly owned by the NET&TCo. and now will be jointly owned.

Selectmen
decide to
seek State
Reimbursement
for cost of
conducting
census.

A letter was received from City Clerk of the City of Peabody urging municipal officers to seek state reimbursements for cost of conducting state census in 1971. It was decided to forward a request to the Town Clerk to file for the reimbursement. Mr. Humphrey commented that in the case of Chelmsford the amount involved might be as much as $7,500. It was also decided to so notify the state Representative and Senator that the town will be seeking this reimbursement and to ask that they assist to make such funds available.

Names of
nominees
for Memorial
Day Committee
not accepted.

A letter was received from the Chelmsford Post #5990, VFW, in which the names of nominees were presented for appointment as members of the Memorial Day Committee for 1972. In both cases names of persons were listed who reside outside of the Town of Chelmsford. It was decided to not appoint these individuals and to make a request to the organization that they forward names of nominees of residents of the town, since it is not the custom of the board to appoint residents of other communities to serve on town committees.

Documents
regarding
municipal
insurance
plans forwarded to Insurance Advisory
Committee.

Two letters were received from the Mass. Group Insurance Commission relating to the following-mentioned subjects:

1. Establishment of Health Care Organizations and Schedule of Services to be rendered by these organizations.
2. State's Ceiling of Employees' Insurance Coverages revised for Health Care.

It was decided to forward both sets of information to the town Insurance Advisory Committee for their study and recommendations.

A letter was received from the Board of Health relating to plans and proposals for the obtaining of fill for the Swain Road Sanitary Landfill Project. Reference was made to the fact that fill costs will be minimized by the use of Crystal Lake soils. Mr. Hart commented that at this particular time it was most difficult to know what will be done at Crystal Lake, inasmuch as the town is waiting to receive information from the Attorney General, and later if the town can proceed, studies must be made by an engineering firm to determine what shall be done to restore the lake. Mr. Humphrey then expressed much concern about this subject and the continued references by the Board of Health for proposed use of Crystal Lake material. He said he would be opposed to their plan without additional information. He emphasized that the Selectmen have the sole jurisdiction over this lake property and departments should consult with the Selectmen if they plan to go onto the premises and remove material. He stated that there are other factors to be considered beside the needs of the Board of Health and he commented that the Highway Dept. often needs fill material; the town might consider selling some fill to defray the costs for restoring the lake, and engineering data is vitally needed before any fill is removed, so that the final condition of the property will be compatible to the plans to be developed for the restoration of the lake. Mr. Humphrey stated that the Board of Health should confer with the Selectmen to inform our board of their plans. He also commented that there has been no offer forthcoming from the Board of Health to hold a conference, even after the Selectmen tried to arrange such a conference. Mr. Hart commented that certainly other departments are to be considered in this matter; such as the Highway Dept. and the School Building Committee. Mr. Doody indicated much interest in this subject and agreed that a conference is needed to discuss these matters. Mr. Lannan then indicated that the board would take no specific action on the subject now, except to ask that a letter be sent to the Board of Health requesting a conference at their convenience, and that the Ctystal Lake Restoration Committee should be invited to attend. It was agreed by all the members that this would be the best manner in which to proceed.

Discussion held re: use of fill material from Crystal Lake. Selectmen decide to request a conference be arranged by the Board of Health to discuss this subject.

At 8:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was conducted on the complaint of Mrs. Natalie Svetlichny of 9 Samuel Road against dogs owned and/or harbored by Hank and Judith Karow of 10 Muriel Road, and to request that a dog restraining order be issued against the owners of these dogs. The complainant, Natalie Svetlichny was present and also Mrs. Judith Karow was present. Several other interested persons were also present including Mr. Oleg Svetlichny, Nellie A. Johnson and James and Dorothy Walenga. Mrs. Karow presented letter to the board in which she requested postponement of the hearing as she desired to have the testimony of a Chelmsford Police Officer entered into the record and he is not presently available to testify. It was also stated that the Dog Officer, Mr. Frank J. Wojtas, would be unable to be present inasmuch as he was needed at home. Mr. Humphrey stated that it might be possible to hear the testimony of the persons present this evening. Mr. Doody stated that if the parties would agree, he would be willing to hold the hearing. Mr. Hart indicated that perhaps the hearing should be held. Mr. Markham indicated he felt the Dog Officer should be present, and we should have current information from him as his last report to the board was dated Dec. 20th, 1971, and that the hearing perhaps commence, but not be closed so that the board could hear from other persons involved. Then Mr. Lannan asked the complainant, Mrs. Svetlichny, if she would be in favor of a postponement. She replied in the negative. Mr. Coburn reported that the board's tape recorder could not be used this evening due to a malfunction in the microphone, and an exact transcript of the testimony would not be possible this evening. It was decided to proceed without the use of a tape recorder. Then Mr. Lannan asked Mrs. Svetlichny to stand and swear that the statements she would give to the Selectmen would be truthful. She took oath that her statements would be truthful. Then Mrs. Svetlichny commenced her statement. She stated that she had been faced with this problem for a long time, and the Karow dogs had tried to get over the fence to the rabbit cages and efforts had been made to scare the dogs away. She

Public Hearing conducted on dog complaint.

Hearing continues on Dog Complaint of Mrs. Natalie Svetlichny against dogs owned and/or harbored by Hank and Judith Karow.

She stated that on Nov. 29th, 1971 she and her husband were home and the dog came over the fence into the yard and to the rabbit, and the rabbit made a scream and the dog grabbed hold of the rabbit, and the rabbit became paralyzed. She said her husband went with his car to identify the dog and he came to 10 Muriel Road, the residence of Mrs. Karow, but it was early in the day and the shades were drawn, so he did not go inside, but he did see two dogs at this address. She said that the dogs had come into her yard on other occasions. She said she had contacted Mrs. Karow but found her to be very uncooperative. Mrs. Svetlichny stated she had dogs of her own and they are kept at home, and her dogs are valuable. She said that on Dec. 9th, 1971 she had occasion to leave the house to take her daughter for a piano lesson at about 2:00 P.M. and the Karow dogs had been loose that day and when I returned home I found the rabbits excited and there was blood and bones in the yard. She said she then took the remains of a rabbit to the Karow house, and she said she was sure the Karow dogs were responsible. She said there are other dogs in the neighborhood, but they just go by the house. She said the daughter of Mrs. Karow was at home and the dogs were inside at that time on Dec. 9th, and she said she left the dead rabbit at the Karow house. Mrs. Svetlichny then stated that she stopped at the house of a neighbor and learned that Mrs. Karow does work during the daytime and the dogs had apparently escaped from the Karow yard. She said that later a Police Officer accused me of frightening the Karow children, and he took some of the evidence of the dead animal with him. Mrs. Svetlichny then stated that another neighbor, a Mrs. Johnson, lived nearby, and has a clear view of the rabbit cages and she saw two German Shephards go into the Svetlichny yard and she tried to chase them away, but she got there too late. Mrs. Svetlichny said she was very upset about this and almost needed a doctor. She said she called the Dog Officer and Mrs. Wojtas took the message. She said it was very difficult for the Dog Officer to check this. Mrs. Svetlichny also said that the Karow dog, she believed, had been bred with the dog of Officer Auger, and that Mrs. Karow runs a kennel. She also said that it had been standard procedure for Mrs. Karow to call the Police, and that she had two pairs of dogs. She said she has two small poodle type dogs and they are locked inside her house most of the day. Mrs. Svetlichy presented a petition to the board signed by twenty-four persons requesting that a restraining order be placed on dogs owned by the Karow family. Then Mr. Lannan asked Mrs. Svetlichny if she had seen the evidence of dogs in her yard. Mrs. Svetlichny stated that her neighbor saw the dogs in her yard. At this point Mrs. Nellie A. Johnson spoke and she stated that it was the Karow dogs in the Svetlichny yard, and they knocked over the cage and she said she saw the dogs eating the rabbits. Then Mrs. Svetlichny commented that she did not come to the hearing because of what has happened to the rabbits, but because she is concerned with the safety of her small children. She also explained that they had the rabbits for 4-H Club work for their son, and these episodes had been very upsetting, and also she had learned that a boy had been bitten in the area, and she wanted to safeguard the children. She also explained that these dogs appear to be hungry and with a daughter only five years old, she fears she could be attacked if she happened to be next to the cage when the dogs come into the yard. Mr. Lannan asked if the dogs had ever attached your children, and Mrs. Svetlichny replied they had not. Mr. Doody then asked if Mr. Lannan would read the original letter received. Mr. Lannan then read the letter of Mrs. Svetlichny dated Dec. 9th, 1971, and then the Dog Officer's Report was also read. Mrs. Svetlichny then mentioned the petition which had been sent in this evening, and Mr. Lannan read this also and noted that it was signed by approximately twenty-five persons. At this point Mr. Doody asked about the events which occurred on Nov. 29th, and Dec. 9th, so that more details could be learned. Mrs. Svetlichny described the events, and also stated she, herself, had seen the Karow dogs running around the cages, and that one rabbit had gone into shock and never did recover. Mr. Doody then asked for clarification purposes if she saw the dogs running loose on Dec. 9th and Mrs. Svetlichny stated the dogs had been seen on that day. Mr. Doody asked for positive identification and Mrs. Johnson replied that the dogs she saw were the Karow dogs. Mr. Humphrey asked if there was evidence of a dog attacking the animals and Mrs. Svetlichny answered that she did see a dog at one time holding the rabbit. Mrs. Johnson explained that she saw the dogs eating the rabbits and they were two German

Shepherds, and these are the only ones I have seen. Mr. Svetlichny then stated that there is no question whose dogs are responsible for these events. Mr. Hart asked if the Svetlichny family has a fence and Mrs. Svetlichny stated that they have a three-foot fence at the cage with a gate and the dogs had jumped the fence. Mr. Markham asked Mrs. Svetlichny if she had two small dogs and she replied yes. He then asked the type of dogs and she said that one was a scotch terrier and the other a poodle. Mr. Markham then asked about the number of other animals she has, and she replied that she has five rabbits now and one guinea pig. Then Mr. Markham asked about the Nov. 29th, 1971 incident and Mrs. Svetlichny stated she saw the dogs leaping the fence. He then asked about the incident of Dec. 9th, 1971 and then Mrs. Nellie Johnson explained that she chased the dogs away and then later they were eating the rabbits and this happened during the p.m. hours. Mrs. Johnson explained the details of this episode and stated that she lived at #7 Samuel Road, and Mrs. Svetlichny lived at #9 Samuel Road. Mr. Lannan then asked if Mrs. Karow would care to speak. Mrs. Karow stated that her dogs are not vicious, and that she owns two adult dogs and one puppy and she works from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and has two teenage daughters to look after the dogs. She explained that the dogs are chained on thirty-foot cattle chains and they are outside all the time. She stated also that Officer Auger did come to the house after Mrs. Svetlichny had thrown the rabbit carcass at the small children at home. Mrs. Karow stated she wanted to have Mr. Auger, Mr. Wojtas and Mr. Geary, her attorney, here this evening, and she said she was very angry about these charges. She explained that she has small children at home, and we have no fear of these dogs, and they have not been loose, or broken away, in a long time, and her teenager can handle the dogs. She restated that she was angry about all this and the Dog Officer had visited her home and that she had seen Mrs. Svetlichny in my yard, and she goes around to my neighbors inquiring about me, and she has visited my house at one time and seen all the dogs at home. Mrs. Karow stated that she has had twenty to thirty rabbits and the dogs do not go after her own rabbits. She explained that the chains are tied to trees and she purchased the chains in June or July 1971. At this point Atty. James M. Geary, Jr. spoke and told the board that he had just received the case, and records today, and had not been able to check all the details. Mr. Humphrey asked if Mr. Geary represents Mrs. Karow and Mr. Geary stated yes he did. Mr. Lannan then explained the proceedings of the board this evening, and the fact the fact that the complainant and board members did not favor the postponement. Mr. Geary stated he felt it would be appropriate to continue the hearing later with Mrs. Karow's witness. Mrs. Karow said that Officer Auger had visited the house and knew many details of the case. She also said that one of the dogs did get loose late at night. Mr. Doody asked questions about the chains which are used to keep the dogs on the property, and Mrs. Karow explained their use. Mr. Doody asked then about the visit of Mrs. Svetlichny and as to the date of this visit, but Mrs. Karow could not remember the exact date. Mr. Doody asked about the visit of the Dog Officer and Mrs. Karow stated that he was attempting to resolve the problems. Mr. Doody asked if the dogs are free, and Mrs. Karow said they are not free on purpose, and that the dogs are valuable. Mr. Humphrey then asked questions as to the number of dogs owned by Mrs. Karow. There were various questions asked about this subject. Mrs. Karow stated that she does not have a kennel; that all the dogs are licensed, and she denied allegations made against her. She also said that after the incident when a rabbit was killed, the dogs were checked to see if they had any blood or rabbit fur on them and none could be found. She stated that there are other dogs in the area; one a black and white, and she questioned if the complainant could really tell the difference between her dogs and others in the area. Mr. Hart asked how old her dogs would be when the reached full physical growth. Mrs. Karow replied about two years. Mr. Hart also asked about the ages of the Karow dogs and she said she has two older dogs and one young one. Mr. Markham asked about rabbits which she might have and Mrs. Karow stated she has one rabbit now; but previously there had been times when she would have twenty to thirty. Mr. Markham asked if the dogs had attacked the rabbits and she said there had been no attacks. Mr. Markham then asked if Mrs. Karow felt strongly that these were not your dogs.

Hearing continues on complaint of Natalie Svetlichny against dogs owned and/or harbored by Hank & Judith Karow.

Selectmen take complaint against owners of dogs under consideration.

Mrs. Karow answered yes. Mr. Lannan then asked if other persons wished to make any statements. Mr. Svetlichny proceeded to describe another incident when the Karow dogs were loose and he said he called to the daughter of Mrs. Karow to call her dogs home and she did so. Then Mrs. Dorothy Walenga of #9 Muriel Road spoke and stated that they have a fence on their property, and the Karow dogs come continually onto the Walenga property, and one of her screen doors had been damaged by the dogs; the dogs had at times been digging up the yard, and she had asked Mrs. Karow to keep the dogs at her home. She stated that she had seen the dogs running free in pairs and also alone, and she also had heard Mrs. Karow calling the dogs at night for periods of time, sometimes as long as one half hour. She stated that at one time one of the Karow dogs went after the mailman, and her guests at the Walenga home were apprehensive about going out into the yard. She said the dogs come up to us in the yard and there is barking at times. Then James Walenga of #9 Muriel Road spoke and said that as late as last Saturday the Karow dog was in the Walenga yard, and the dogs appear to be able to go free at times. Mrs. Walenga added that she had seen the dogs roaming about when the family are not at home and her windows have been broken by the dogs. Atty. Geary explained that he did not have much information on this case until today and he felt the report of the Police Officer is needed. He stated he hoped the Selectmen would not take any action tonight and wait for further evidence. Mr. Lannan then stated the board would take the matter under advisement, and he explained the procedure the board will follow; stating that the matter will be studied and considered. Then the hearing was closed at about 9:00 P.M.

Town notified of court case against the Board of Appeals. Town Counsel to defend the Board of Appeals.

Mr. Lannan then read from a copy of a notice received from the Town Clerk that an Appeal by Bill in Equity had been filed in Middlesex County Superior Court in Cambridge in behalf of Raymond A. Carye vs the Town of Chelmsford, and/or the Board of Appeals and L. Rodger Currie. The board indicated that they desired to have the town counsel represent the Board of Appeals in this case.

Conference held with School Committee re: use of School Department facilities for meetings of town committees and groups.

At 9:00 P.M. a conference commenced with members of the School Committee, Atty. James M. Geary, Jr., Robert D. Hall and L. James Glinos, and Dr. Thomas L. Rivard, Supt. of Schools. Others present included James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee, Louis R. Rondeau, Acting Supt. of Streets, Mrs. Esther Street, representing the National Mothers & Wives of Veterans Organization, and Edward McCaffrey of the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen. The meeting was called for purpose of discussing six separate subjects; explanations of which follow. The first subject to be discussed was the use of school facilities by various town committees and organizations and Mr. Lannan explained the needs. He cited the case of the National Mothers & Wives group and that it was understood they should have adequate facilities since moving from the North Town Hall. Mrs. Street then explained their needs; stating that in the past the use of the North Town Hall had been excellent, but as of late, the facilities had not been as good and she explained the problems they had encountered lately. Dr. Rivard then said he felt the problems can be solved, and he did not feel the problem was an acute one and he offered to work with Mrs. Street and other school officials to be certain that the members of the organization would be properly taken care of. Dr. Rivard then explained some details about the cost of hiring janitors and he said that in some cases there would be no charge for this service. Mrs. Street also asked for some special help for their Anniversary Plans to be held during July 1972 and Dr. Rivard promised to assist the group so that adequate space would be available. Mr. Lannan then mentioned the needs of the Minutemen and Mr. McCaffrey submitted a written report of the specifications giving details of what is needed and these were read by Mr. Lannan . Mr. McCaffrey reported that they are checking the facilities at the West Fire Station , but they do need space for practice sessions for the Drum and Fife Groups, and they have been drilling on Sundays. Dr. Rivard asked if a weekday night could be worked out when a janitor would be on duty; thus saving cost of overtime pay on a Sunday for janitorial service. Mr. McCaffrey stated he would try for a Thursday night and Mr. Lannan then suggested that a conference between Dr. Rivard and Mr. McCaffrey be held to see what could be worked out. Dr. Rivard offered to do this and indicated that probably something can be done to assist the Minutemen. Then the board

The second subject discussed with the School Committee relating to plans for playground lighting. Mr. Paul C. Hart then informed the School Committee members of the meetings and discussions which had recently been held with the Varney Playground Commissioners. The objectives were outlined and it was stated that steps perhaps should be taken to have a suitable town playgound area lighted for night activities, and thus allow the facility to be used for longer periods of time each evening for sport and other types of activities. It was first thought that the plan could be applied to the Varney Playground area but after a preliminary study had been made it was thought that this facility because of its close proximity to residential properties, and lack of needed parking spaces, would not be the best place to install the lighting. Mr. Hart then explained that the subject needed much further study and he suggested that a committee be established for this purpose. It was also suggested that the committee be comprised of representatives from the Recreation Commission, the Varney Playground Commission, the School Committee, the Chelmsford Hockey Association and the Board of Selectmen, and a representative from the Physical Education Dept. of the School System. At this point certain persons were named to serve on the committee as follows:

1. Thomas W. Eck, as Representative from the Physical Ed. Dept.,
2. Richard M. Ring, as Representative from the Chelmsford Hockey Assn.,
3. Robert D. Hall, as Representative from the School Committee,
4. Paul C. Hart, as Representative from the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. James Geary stated he favored the formation of the committee and he also commented that the present CHS athletic field might be well suited for proposed lighting. Mr. Hart also added that the Junior High School field could also be considered and that the funding of such a program might be helped by the Northern Middlesex Area Commission with 50% Federal Funds. Mr. Doody asked about the timetable for this project and Mr. Hart stated that the proposals would be not ready for the Annual Town Meeting, but would be considered for a Special Town Meeting later in the year. He said the lighting layout must be made up and the costs determined. Mr. Doody then suggested that the School Building Committee be represented on the committee and Mr. James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee stated he would bring up the matter at the next meeting. Then Mr. Humphrey asked that the School Building Committee be included in the committee membership. Mr. Markham agreed that the information as presented was an excellent approach. Mr. Lannan then asked for a motion to establish the committee. Mr. Hart then moved, seconded by Mr. Doody, to establish a Committee to Study Lighting of certain Playground Area(s), and that Mr. Eck, Mr. Ring, Mr. Hall and Mr. Hart serve on the committee, as mentioned above, and that letters be forwarded to the Varney Playground Commission, the Recreation Commission and the School Building Committee to invite these groups to forward names of nominees to the Selectmen for appointment. A unanimous vote followed.

Discussion held re: plans for establishment of a committee to study lighting for playground areas. Board votes to establish committee and several members named.

The next subject discussed with the School Committee concerned the problems of the School Department with Garbage and Waste Collections. Dr. Rivard reported that problems have developed with the garbage pickup since the private contractors were not doing the work under the jurisdication of the Board of Health, but presently one of the private contractors was assisting and they were hopeful that a mutually agreed arrangement can be worked out between the contractor and the school department at a reasonable cost. Dr. Rivard further explained that since incinerator emmission standards are more stringent now, the school disposal systems for waste collections cannot be used in all locations and there is need for the Highway Dept. to assist in these collections where incinerators cannot be used. He stated that help is needed for collections several times each week at several locations. Mr. Louis R. Rondeau, Act'g. Supt. of Streets, asked for information about the volume of the material to be taken away. Mr. Lannan then suggested that Dr. Rivard confer with Mr. Rondeau to discuss all the aspects of the problem and to work out a schedule to a ccomodate the school department. This plan met with the approval of other members of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen.

Discussion held re: assistance needed for Disposal of Waste Collections Subject to be worked out with St. Supt.

School Committee and Selectmen discuss Recreational needs. New Lighting Committee to study this subject.

Then Mr. Geary, Chairman of the School Committee, spoke on the subject of providing additional recreational facilities which he stated was needed. Mr. Doody explained the plans of the committee which is currently studying the building of a Community Center with the help of the Nashoba Vocational School. Mr. Geary suggested that the Committee appointed this evening to study Lighting Needs for Playground(s) also study recreational needs as the two subjects are inter-related. Mr. Doody emphasized that what is needed is planning. Mr. Geary commented that a committee should be working on this subject as an intergrated basis. Mr. Humphrey explained that the Recreation Commission has in the past studied the needs and had, on occasion, made recommendations for new locations and new programs and he cited the use of the Roberts Property as an example. Mr. Doody concluded that the new committee appointed here tonight would have another project to work on. Mr. Hart explained that a well-lighted area could be used for a numerous other uses, and types of events, other than sports; such as programs of entertainment. Mr. Hall expressed approval of this suggestion by Mr. Hart and added that a comprehensive plan is needed. It was then agreed that the new committee would also consider recreational needs in its study of lighting needs.

School Committee and Selectmen discuss subject of Sidewalk Snow Removal in areas near schools.

The next item on the agenda was the subject of sidewalks, and the clearing of snow from same, along well-traveled roads used by students to reach various schools. Mr. Lannan explained past discussions the Selectmen had on this subject and that the town counsel had been requested to study the subject and make recommendations relating to a possible town by-law which would require property owners to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their premises. Mr. Lannan displayed a map of the town to show the various school installations and the amount of areas surrounding each school building which possibly should be serviced as a traffic safety precaution for the school children. Dr. Rivard cited the areas where the greatest need exists and those places mentioned were along Dalton Road, Groton Road, Billerica Road and Boston Road. Then the discussion related to the best and most suitable type of equipment needed for this type of work. The Selectmen then requested that Mr. Louis R. Rondeau, who was present, obtain information as to the best type of equipment for this sidewalk snow removal work, and the cost of same, and forward this date to the Selectmen. It was agreed that the Highway Dept. should now try to help the school department in this work as much as possible so that the school children may be able to travel to their schools in the safest possible manner.

Discussion continues with School Committee re: future use of the North Town Hall for School Adm. Office.

The last subject discussed at this conference related to the further use of the North Town Hall as an Administration Building for the School Department. Mr. Lannan cited the needs, and the affects to various groups of the town, when the North Town Hall was taken over for school uses. He asked if there was any plan to move the administration offices to a school building facility and Dr. Rivard stated that there are no present plans to vacate the building. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee, if their plans for a new school included any office space and Mr. Sullivan replied that no request had been made, and such a plan would appear not to be advisable. Mr. Lannan explained that the need for office space at the Center Town Hall is now critical. Dr. Rivard then stated that due to cost factors, a request had not been made to have administration office needs included in the plans for new schools, and it was also stated that it had been found advisable to have the administration offices at a different location than at a school. Mr. Doody commented that apparently this is a matter of economy and Mr. Humphrey agreed. Mr. Markham stated he would have no objection to the further use of the North Town Hall by the school department to save money. Then the conference with the School Committee ended.

Conference planned with Chairman of Board of Assessors.

It was decided to schedule a conference with Mr. Charles A. House, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, on Monday evening, Jan. 31st, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the future use of upstairs facilities at the Center Town Hall by the Revaluation Company who will be conducting hearings during March and April 1972.

Labor Rates Certified for new High School Bldg.

Information was received from the Mass. Dept. of Labor & Industries regarding the required rates of pay for various occupations which might relate to the new Chelmsford High School Building Project. It was decided to forward a copy of the documents to the School Building Committee.

A letter was received from the Planner for the Highway Department in which recommendations were made for installation of signs at intersection of Graniteville Road and Castlewood Dr. and Berkeley Dr. It was decided to forward the subject to the Police Dept. Traffic Division, for their advice and recommendations and for information as to the number of accidents that might have occurred at this location over the past two years.

Police Dept. requested to forward traffic information.

A request was received from the Board of Registrars for the Selectmen to vote to concur with the recommendation of the Registrars for the holding of voter registration sessions. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve the holding of three sessions as follows: On Tuesday, February 1st, 1972; 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Town Clerk's
Office. On Saturday, February 12th, 1972; 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Town Clerk's
Office. On Tuesday, February 15, 1972; 12:00 Noon to 10:00 PM. at Town Clerk's Office.

Voter Registration dates approved.

(At this point Mr. Charles D. Harrington, Lowell Sun Reporter, departed.)

A copy of a letter was received from the Mass. Water Resources Commission regarding plans for three intercepter Sewers and all had been approved per plans submitted by the consulting engineers, Camp, Dresser & McKee. The letter was placed on file.

Information rec'd re: Sewer Project.

A reply was received from the Board of Assessors in which a list of Tax Title Properties, now owned by the town, was made known to the board. Also the list contained other land areas which might be suitable for the project to construct a Community Center. This information had been requested earlier to assist in the planning of such a center as proposed by the Nashoba School officials.

List of town lands received from Assessors.

A report was received from the Police Dept. in which two traffic safety signs were recommended for installation along Acton Road, between Bartlett St. and High Street. The original request for this study was made by Mr. Martin K. Bovey of 115 High Street. The Selectmen approved the recommendations and instructed the Highway Dept. to prepare and install the signs.

Traffic Safety Signs Approved

An application was received from John C. Armstrong for the issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store, Wines & Malt Beverage License, d/b/a The Wine Rack at 39 Mill Road. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to accept the application and that it should be advertised, and set up for a hearing, subject to same being in proper form.

Application received for Liquor License.

A letter was received from the Conservation Commission in which a request was made that they have an opporunity to meet with the Selectmen to discuss three subjects, described as the change in state law for wetlands hearings whereby the Conservation Commission must conduct such hearings, instead of the Board of Selectmen; the status of a study of certain tax title lands as sent to the Town Counsel during 1971, and the possibility of having a field house erected on a conservation reservation by students of the Nashoba School. It was decided to schedule an appointment with the Conservation Commission members for Monday evening, Jan. 31st, 1972 at 9:00 P.M. The board also instructed the Adm. Assist. to obtain copies of the new law which authorized the change in procedures for holding Hatch Act Hearings.

Conservation Commission requests appointment with the Selectmen.

A letter was received from the Mass. Sec'y. of Transportation & Construction, Alan Altshuler, giving notice of a meeting to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 26th, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. at the Lowell Technological Institute, regarding Highway Planning and Construction, and the DPW Commissioner, Bruce Campbell, would also be present. It was decided to request that the Planner for the Highway Department, Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald, to attend, and to file a written report with the Selectmen later concerning this meeting.

Notice of Highway Planning Meeting.

Town Planner requested to attend.

The Selectmen then discussed the proposal of the Wm. J. Hennessy Ins. Co. that town employees be allowed to purchase additional life insurance coverage under the group plan, without cost to the town. A referendum question would be required to approve this plan. It was decided to place this subject on file.

No action taken on insurance plan.

Discussion held re: Collective Purchasing.

Then letters were read from the Park and Health Depts. relating to the subject of Collective Purchasing. It was decided to forward all such material to the new Purchasing Officer and to ask that he contact these departments controlled by other elected officials and explain that no purchases are considered too small, and all departments should make an effort to participate, as there may financial savings to the town. Mr. Lannan reported that he had conferred with Mr. Robert E. Olsen, the new Purchasing Officer, and Mr. Olsen has already contacted Mr. Paul, Purchasing Agent for the City of Lowell, to lay the groundwork for collective purchasing by the municipalities who will participate in this joint effort. It was also suggested that each set of specifications for bidding of automotive equipment should be forwarded to the Purchasing Officer for his study.

Discussion follows re: new positions which may be established under the EEA Program.

Selectmen decide to send inquiry to the Board of Health re: Participation in programs of Area Mental Health Center.

Then Mr. Lannan spoke about the subject of the Emergency Employment Act plans for meeting the request of the Mental Health Center to have employees on duty to meet some of the needs in this particular field. Mr. Lannan stated that a conference had recently been held with Dr. Bryant and Mrs. Kaplan of the Center and their needs were explained, and they hoped that a position could be established to assist them. Also present was Mr. McGuire of the Office of Manpower Affairs and the subject is now being studied and perhaps will be funded later for a seven-month period with "Lag Funds." Mr. Lannan reported that other positions are being considered such as a Youth Center Coordinator, an Adm. Clerk for the Drug Abuse Study Committee, and several other positions such as clerks and a nurse. Mr. Lannan also pointed out that the town does not presently contribute toward the support of the Lowell Mental Health Association and most of the other surrounding communities do support the program, and that an inquiry should be sent to determine the reasons why. He stated he understood the Health Department had not approved, nor asked that funds be set up for this purpose. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Selectmen write to the Board of Health to present this fact and that our share of such an area program should be presented to the voters for their consideration. He added that if the Board of Health feel otherwise about this, they should so notify the Selectmen, and the board could then take the matter directly to the voters. It was stated that Chelmsford has residents who go to the Mental Health Center for help and, therefore, the town should contribute its share of the cost of operation. Mr. Lannan was asked to prepare a message which can be sent to the Board of Health about this subject and he agreed to assist.

Report given of recent work of Drug Abuse Study Committee.

Mr. Doody gave a report about a recent Drug Abuse Study Committee Meeting and he stated that the committee desires to continue its participation with "Share" and a report will follow, with the advantages to the town, and a report of statistics will be available. He reported also that a school program, thru the teachers and guidance directors, is being developed to help the young people. He also said that the study about having a Learning Center continues and the project "Prep" is still being studied including all pertinent factors and costs.

EEA Program discussed briefly.

There was a short discussion about the EEA program and Mr. Markham asked if all the positions had now been filled under the Section 6 plans. Mr. Lannan reported that all positions except one had been filled and he explained this to the board.

Meeting adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Lannan, who stepped down from the chair, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:30 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, January 24th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:
1. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun. He arrived at 7:30 P.M. and departed at 12:00 Midnight.
2. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel. She arrived at 7:35 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly. She arrived at 7:40 P.M.
Both Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Kierce departed at 1:00 A.M. when the meeting adjourned.

Reporters present.

Approval was given to the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen for the use of the upper meeting room at the Center Town Hall on Wednesday evening, February 2nd, 1972 between the hours of 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the monthly muster.

Use of CTHal approved.

In the presence of Mr. William A. Dempster, Jr., Chairman of the Recreation Commission, Sealed Bids were opended by the board members for the purchase of miscellaneous equipment for use in the proposed Pop Warner Football Program.
Bids were received from:
1. Dana's Sport Shop, 62 Main Street, Andover, Mass.
2. Lull & Hartford Co., Prescott St., Lowell, Mass.
3. Shaw's Sporting Goods, Inc., 307 North Main St.,Mansfield,Mass

After opening the bids they were presented to Mr. Dempster.

Bids for Recreation Commission opened.

In connection with various letters received concerning a problem's with level of water at Lupien Pond at end of Crabapple Lane, the Adm. Assist. was requested to obtain information relating to the acceptance of this gift of area from Roberts Homes, Inc., by the voters at a previous town meeting, so that back-background information would be available for the board to study.

Information to be obtained re: town ownership of area at Lupien Pond.

Mr. Humphrey announced that the next meeting of the Negotiating Team for Contract for the Highway Department Employees would be held at the Center Town Hall on Wednesday evening, February 2nd, 1972, commencing at 6:30 P.M.

Highway Labo meeting date announced.

The Selectmen decided to schedule a conference on Saturday morning, Jan. 29th, 1972 commencing at 9:00 A.M. at the Center Town Hall to discuss the progress of recent Labor Negotiation Meetings for both the Fire and Highway Department employees. It was decided that requests should be sent to the Fire Chief, the Acting Supt. of Streets, and Mr. McHugh and Mr. Schenk, of the Personnel Board to attend this conference.

Conference planned to discuss Labor Contract Negotiations.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Environmental Advisory Council, Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, Liason Advisor, and Ina B. Greenblatt. Also attending were persons interested in the subject of anti-littering, and they included Richard Codling, Donald Smith, David Lewis and Nancy L. Bue. Dr. Kamien and Mrs. Greenblatt spoke principally on the subject of ReCycling and allied fields. Mrs. Greenblatt stated that the Council was most interested to have an article appear in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to regulate the procedures to be followed for the future disposal of waste materials. She referred to earlier correspondence sent to the Selectmen to ask that house holds separate glass, can and newspapers so that they can be picked up and kept separately from other material, and then later sold or given to plants and firms for recycling process. Mrs. Greenblatt stated she felt there could be a saving to the town. Dr. Kamien asked that the board look into this subject as there could be financial benefits to the town and it would be a saving of natural resources of the country. She indicated that their studies so far showed that there would be revenue to the town for the sale of the separated material. She indicated that possibly sometime in the future other governmental agencies may require that such a program be initiated, and it would be best to start the program soon on a voluntary basis. She suggested that special carriers be installed on the waste collection trucks for papers, and that a system be worked out with the Highway Dept. for picking up cans and glass at periodic times; perhaps by a special truck pickup service. Mr. Lannan commented that

Conference with members of Environmental Advisory Council re: Recycling Plans.

Conference with members of the Environmental Advisory Council to discuss Article for Annual Town Meeting Warrant to separate items in Waste Collections for a Recycling Program and to discuss a program for Anti-Littering.

there is a waste of resources in this country since World War II and he then explained the efforts which had been made by his employer, the Raytheon Company, along these lines. He offered to make booklets available to the Committee and he stated that the Town of Wellesley has already had a program of recycling, and the project has paid for itself, and now is showing signs of a profit. He said also that representatives of the Raytheon Company have offered to meet with the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Selectmen to explain the company program and study. Dr. Kamien then stated that, at this point, what is needed is a vote to authorize or require the separation of the materials. Mr. Lannan asked where the material would be placed after the separated collections. Mrs. Greenblatt explained that a trailer had been offered to be located at the dump for the paper collections. She also stated that a company had offered to remove the glass. Dr. Kamien stated that racks could be installed on the waste collection trucks for the newspapers and that a separate truck could follow along to pick up glass and cans. Mrs. Greenblatt stated that the Environmental Council is already receiving inquiries from interested persons willing to cooperate with this type of program. Mr. Lannan asked if the use of dumpsters for collection purposes at central locations, such as shopping centers, could be used and Mrs. Greenblatt explained that this had been considered and some store owners were worried about the vandalism which could result when stores are closed. Mr. Doody commented that he would concur with the plans and procedures as outlined. Mrs. Greenblatt stated that details about the regulation could be worked out later. Mr. Doody asked if the Environmental Council members would explain the subject to the voters at town meeting. Dr. Kamien stated they would explain the subject and the economics of such a program, with plans proposed and they would offer a timetable. She offered to obtain all the needed information for such a presentation to the voters. Mrs. Greenblatt expressed the hope that Chelmsford would be able to progress in this field. Then Mr. Lannan read from the letter received during May 1971 from the Environmental Advisory Council asking that certain articles appear in the Warrant for a future town meeting. Dr. Kamien then explained that the Council is now only interested in the article to separate waste materials. Mr. Humphrey asked if there had been any consideration for placing a penalty clause in the article, and that an effort should be made to obtain the cooperation of the townspeople. He then suggested that the wording of the article be such as to request the voters to cooperate, and not make the regulation a mandatory one. Dr. Kamien agreed with this suggestion and she expressed the wish that the penalty clause not be included. Then the board suggested that the Council members confer with the Planner for the Highway Dept. about this subject, to decide the best ways to proceed, and it was stated that the Highway Dept. should be informed of what is needed, so that any costs may be planned in the 1972 budget. It was agreed that such a study is needed now to learn equipment needs, and man-hour costs. Mr. Lannan stated that the Raytheon Company representatives have developed cost figures. Mr. Hart emphasized the need for a careful study now so that all factors will be known when it is placed before the voters for their approval. Mr. Markham indicated that he agreed with the plan and he asked if the Board of Health had been contacted so that they would have knowledge of the program. Mr. Markham questioned the value of a regional approach. Mrs. Greenblatt explained that the towns of Westford, Groton, and Billerica have made some progress along these lines, and that the state and federal governments use recycled paper and she suggested that our school department consider using recycled paper, and in this department alone, there could be substantial savings. Dr. Kamien asked if the Purchasing Officer would make such recommendations to use recycled paper to the various town departments, and it was decided that such an inquiry should be sent to him. At this point Mr. Lannan mentioned that a letter had been received from Mrs. Ethel Wilder suggesting that an Anti-Litter Campaign be commenced, and that an official town committee be named to start the work. Mr. Lannan suggested that names be submitted to the board as nominees for consideration. It was stated that important parts of this program would be centered around the Annual Earth Day Events and the Annual Clean-Up Program for the town. Then Mrs. Nancy L. Bue, spokesman for the Anti-Littering Group, explained that volunteers are available from various town organizations, and their plan was to hold few meetings in the course of a year, but there would be a lot of work done. She then named a number of organizations which would be willing to participate, and that the effort now needs coordination. Several objectives were outlined, such as naming a committee, conducting a large school program and commencing a program to give business firms citation awards for efforts they might give to make the program more successful, and to welcome other civic groups to participate and assist. At this point the discussion was temporarily discontinued to allow the board to conduct a scheduled Public Hearing, listed as follows.

Discussion held re: Anti Littering Program.

At 8:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was held on the application of Lionel D. and Josephine A. Marchand for an increase in the storage of Fuel Oils at 8 Emerson Avenue, from 40,000 gallons to 60,000 gallons, all underground. The Adm. Assist. explained that all abutters had been notified at the proper time and the registered mail, return receipt cards had been delivered by the applicant to the Selectmen's Office, and were a part of the documents on file. Mr. Lionel D. Marchand, and his son, Lionel D. Marchand, Jr., were present. Mr. Lannan asked if there were any objectors present. No other persons in the hearing room at the time expressed reasons to object to the license being granted. It was explained also that no telephone calls, nor letters, had been received in objection to the license. At this point Mr. Humphrey asked if the Fire Chief had submitted a recommendation, other than his signature of approval on the application form. Mr. Coburn stated no letter had been received. Mr. Humphrey stated it was his understanding that this would be done, after a similar storage hearing a few weeks ago. Mr. Coburn stated that he did not understand that this was a request of the board previously. Mr. Humphrey then asked that he be instructed to file written recommendations in the future, with all pertinent details, and facts, after visiting the site in question. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant a license to increase the Fuel Oil Storage for premises of Mr. and Mrs. Marchand. Fee: $5.00. Adv. Costs: $33.75

Hearing conducted and license granted to increase storage capacity of Fuel Oils.

Fire Chief requested to submit his written recommendations on all future applications.

Then the conference continued with the members of the Environmental Advisory Council and persons connected with the Anti-Littering Program. Dr. Kamien stated that they would recommend that no posters, or flyers would be used in such a program, in order to save paper, and that efforts to educate young people would be done through the school department. Mr. Humphrey asked if the group present this evening wanted the Selectmen to appoint a committee, or did they want this done by town meeting vote, and what is needed also for funding of such a committee. Mrs. Bue asked that the Selectmen appoint the committee tonight. Mr. Humphrey asked what the name would be of this committee and Mrs. Bue asked that they be named "The Chelmsford Anti-Litter Committee." Mr. Markham commended the group and he stated he was pleased that the plans included contacting the business establishments to assist. Then on a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously that the Selectmen establish the Chelmsford Anti-Litter Committee. Then Mrs. Bue submitted orally the names of four persons to be named to this committee. The board considered the names of the nominees and then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons to serve on the Chelmsford Anti-Litter Committee:

1. Mrs. Nancy L. Bue, of 7 Fay Street, (To be Chairman Pro-Tem.) Member at Large,
2. Mr. David W. Lewis, of 10 Robin Hill Road, To represent the Historical Society,
3. Mr. F. Clinton Vincent, of 11 Fairbanks Road, To represent the Colonial Minutemen,
4. Mrs. Janet E. Knight, of 122 Park Road, To represent the South Chelmsford VIA.

Mrs. Bue indicated that she would forward a letter to the board later which would contain the names of other nominees from various town organizations. Then Mr. Richard Codling stated that there would be an active campaign relating to Anti-Littering, to last about a period of one week, and funds might be needed. Mr. Lannan suggested that the Selectmen confer with the Finance Committee to discuss the use of funds which might be left in the appropriation for the Annual Clean-Up Day. Dr. Kamien then spoke about the Biocide Spraying Plans for 1971 and 1972. She asked that an inquiry be sent to the Moth Supt. to learn what was done in 1971 under the Moth and Dutch Elm Appropriations and what materials were used. The board agreed to make such an inquiry to the Moth Supt. Dr. Kamien stated also she hoped the work for 1972 would continue at the same level as 1971. Dr. Kamien then spoke of problems with the use of snow mobiles and she asked that the Selectmen advise the citizens of the town to be more

Conference continues with members of Environmental Advisory Committee

Selectmen appoint an Anti-Litter Committee.

Discussion held re: use of Snow Mobiles.

responsible and learn their obligations to the citizens in general in the future use of such equipment. She stated that in certain areas bridging had been set up; cutting of saplings had been done, and without the permission of the owners of the property involved. She explained that the state would soon be issuing new regulations on the use of snow mobiles and the material would be made available to the board and townspeople. Then the conference with this group ended at about 8:50 P.M.

Conference with members of the Planning Board, the Finance Committee and Director of the Northern Middlesex Area Commission re: 1972 Annual Membership Assessment and projects NMAC worked on during 1971.

At 8:50 P.M. a conference commenced with members of the Planning Board, Thomas E. Firth, Jr., Chairman, Eugene J. Gilet, Stephen D. Wojcik and Peter J. McHugh, Jr. Members of the Finance Committee, Richard T. McDermott, Chairman, William Edge and Ralph Casale, and Mr. Joseph Hannon, Director of the Northern Middlesex Area Commission. The first subject discussed was the assessment figure for membership to NMAC for 1972. Mr. Lannan asked about the basis for reaching the figure and Mr. Hannon explained that the provisions of Chap. 40B, Section 7, of the General Laws control the subject and the present rate is $0.30 per capita, based on the 1970 census. He said that, in fact, the assessment is presently under the thirty-cent rate and that the increase for 1972 would approximate 5%. Mr. Doody asked about the NMAC budgets for 1970 and 1971 and Mr. Hannon stated that it had decreased about $30,000. in 1971. Mr. Doody asked what the budget is for 1972 and Mr. Hannon stated that the members had adopted a budget of $99,700.00. Mr. Doody commented that the budget has been decreasing for the past three years. Mr. Humphrey inquired about the increase to the member towns and Mr. Hannon said that the difference over 1971 would be $460.00. Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham did not have any questions. Mr. McDermott asked about the transportation study costs and Mr. Hannon stated that those costs had been covered by federal grants. He also stated that the NMAC staff had been reduced and they paid very low rent for office space. Mr. McDermott stated we hoped for much federal grant money. Mr. Hannon said state aid funds are decreasing and requests are now before the legislature to increase financial help to the area commissions, and this is the type of legislation the towns should support. Mr. Humphrey asked for specific reasons why the town should participate in such a program and Mr. Hannon said in the first place, communities should be members in order to work together, and in certain instances federal regulations require regional studies. Mr. McDermott stated that this was the first time he had heard this statement and he asked if the town would lose certain benefits, insofar as federal funds were concerned, if the town did not join a regional commission. Mr. Hannon replied in the affirmative. Mr. Lannan asked about the projects for 1971. Mr. Hannon outlined a number of projects on which NMAC had assisted. He described a variety of area-wide projects which had been undertaken and then he mentioned the items for Chelmsford alone. Mr. McDermott proposed that the Selectmen write to every board and commission to see if they have benefited from the work of NMAC in 1971. He said the town officials need this study and these statistics for evaluation purposes. Mr. Lannan then explained in some detail the work of NMAC to assist in the filing of applications for EEA Funds for the Fourteen-town consortium and Mr. Lannan emphasized that if had not been for NMAC we would have lost out on the obtaining of these federal funds. Then Mr. McDermott asked that data, such as dollar amounts and number of employees hired, be mentioned so that they would become a part of the record of this conference. Mr. Lannan said that about $400,000. had been obtained for the consortium, and perhaps $80,000. to $100,000. would be for Chelmsford, and in the vicinity of ten positions approved to date. Mr. Lannan stated that a tremendous job had been done by NMAC to start up this program. Mr. Hannon stated that NMAC had helped with zoning by-laws relating to wetlands, which is a very important subject. Mr. Lannan then displayed a plan showing recreational and conservation areas in the state which NMAC had helped to develop as a source of information and Mr. Lannan then called attention to the recent D&B and Riverside Realty Corp. hearing relating to land at Russell Mill Pond Area. Mr. Hannon explained the procedures used by NMAC for this hearing, and gave the reasons for the conclusions reached and the decision voted. Mr. Lannan cited the vote of the townspeople at the Special Town Meeting to keep this area in its natural state and that he was disappointed with the vote of NMAC as it affected the land owned by the town. Mr. Hannon explained that the subject had brought considerable discussion at the NMAC hearing and the decision was made because of regional aspects as this area is located close to the Billerica town line. He said this was the first application of this type the commission had received and the initial inquiry had come from a federal agency, and it was required that a recommendation be made. Mr. Hannon said that the "need" was an important factor in the decision of the commission. Mr. Doody then stated he favored the sending of inquiries to other boards and commissions to see if they have availed themselves of the services being offered by NMAC. Mr. Doody asked Mr. Hannon if town departments had gone to NMAC for advice. Mr. Hannon replied that some have, and in other cases, the contact was on a referral basis. Mr. Hannon explained that there is merit to area studies. Mr. Ralph Casale then spoke and said that he would refer to the D&B case which NMAC had taken a stand on, and he said the will of the voters was to acquire the land, and keep it for conservation purposes and he was most disappointed in the decision of NMAC to recommend the area be used for housing. Mr. Hannon stated that this case presented a difficult problem and it is best for a decision to be made on a regional basis, instead of a town basis. He stated further that a regional commission can help to make needed decisions and thus save further state controls. Mr. Casale continued to take exception to the decision which had been made by NMAC. Mr. Hannon tried to explain the overall function of the commission. Mr. Hart asked by NMAC acted on a town project in this manner. Mr. Hannon stated that the commission feels it must act on subjects that are referred to it. Mr. Humphrey then explained that under the federal HUD procedures that a regional commission is requested to furnish a recommendation to HUD when the developer seeks federal funds, and this is the reason NMAC had rendered a recommendation, which was adverse to the town. He stated that perhaps the town should officially notify NMAC that it did own the land. Mr. Hannon stated that a notation had been made in their recommendation that a question does exist as to the ownership of the land, and probably will be a subject of litigation later. A long discussion then followed on this subject. Then later Mr. Markham stated he hoped that applications in the future concerning town owned land, would proceed with care, insofar as NMAC is concerned. Mr. Markham then asked what type of housing was needed in their opinion. Mr. Hannon replied that the recommendation cited the need for housing for persons in the category of lower income. Mr. Markham asked questions about the Sewer Project Plans and if a tie in was recommended for Westford and Tyngsboro. Mr. Hannon stated that this was a very seious subject and that proposed plans had been worked on. Mr. Markham asked that NMAC pursue this subject on a regional basis with Lowell and Billerica. Then Mr. Humphrey concluded that perhaps we are not paying enough for all the work that NMAC does for the town. Mr. Lannan spoke about the legislation relating to rezoning which has been initiated by NMAC and Mr. Hannon explained that the commission would become involved where the area to be rezoned would be near an adjoining town, and as an example an industrial area could affect both communities. He also cited subjects of highways, brooks, and housing as items which would affect areas on a regional basis and where NMAC would be able to advise for the overall good of the communities concerned. Mr. Lannan read from sections of the NMAC legislation and which he expressed fears. Mr. Hannon stated that the legislation would provide information for a town , and it can then can accept or reject. Mr. Doody asked why local Planning Boards cannot do this and keep the entire control within the town. Mr. Hannon replied that in some case in the past the results have not been too successful. Mr. Humphrey asked if NMAC had consulted with local boards about such legislative matters and Mr. Hannon stated that the local Planning Board's are represented in the membership of NMAC. Mr. Humphrey expressed the feeling that there is a violation of the Home Rule concept here and what is now optional, may later become mandatory. Then Mr. Hannon explained the legislation and the procedures which would be followed under its provisions. Mr. Humphrey stated then he hoped the Selectmen would send word along to NMAC that we disapprove of this legislation. Mr. Hart stated he would like to see this type of legislation acted on by a town as a by-law, rather than by a state law, and he suggested that an article be prepared for a future town meeting. Mr. Markham suggested that NMAC poll the local boards and the Planning Boards to determine the feelings of the member communities. Mr. Lannan said

Conference held with members of Planning Board and Finance Committee and Direct- of Northern Middlesex Area Commission re: work of commission and future legislation.

Conference with Director of Northern Middlesex Area Commission continues.

Selectmen vote to disapprove two pieces of legislation.

he felt there is no need for this type of legislation. Mr. Humphrey stated he felt the commission should act on all petitions under this legislation and not on a selected few. Mr. Hannon said we must consider the subject of regional matters principally, and not those which have no regional aspects. Mr. Firth stated that the Planning Board has no recommendation now on this subject but he indicated that the suggestion of Mr. Hannon's might be the best. Mr. Humphrey then asked about the legislation relating to Cluster Zoning and Mr. Hannon explained the criteria , and he stated there are many advantages to this concept as it conserved land which can be used for uses other than housing. Then a long discussion followed as to the advantages and disadvantages. Mr. Hannon was informed that the voters at previous town meetings had disapproved of this type of zoning and it did not pass. Finally Mr. Lannan asked for the board's opinion of the two legislative proposals that had been discussed this evening and Mr. Humphrey moved that the board notify the State Senator and State Representative that they strongly opposed both pieces of legislation, and to ask their support in this stand. Mr. Doody seconded the motion. Mr. Markham stated he would like to speak on the subjects separately and that the subject of Cluster Zoning is the more serious one, and he reiterated the fact that the town has already taken a position on this subject and he asked why do we need Cluster Zoning Legislation. Mr. Hannon replied that it was the feeling of the commission that this type of zoning is definitely needed. Mr. Markham then said he strongly opposed the Cluster Zoning, but in the case of the other legislation on re-zoning, this, in some instances, could be an asset. Mr. Lannan then asked if Mr. Markham would like the vote split and rephrased to cover each legislation separately, but Mr. Markham said this would not be necessary. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote and all members voted in the affirmative to express disapproval on both legislative proposals. It was decided to also forward word to the Planning Board of this decision and to recommend that they too inform the state legislators of their feelings. Inasmuch as the hour was getting quite late, the conference with Mr. Hannon did not continue. Mr. Hannon did offer to forward to the board information as to the projects NMAC plan to work on during 1972 and this would come to the board in written form. This was acceptable to the board members.

Conference with Civil Defense Committee Member re: 1972 Budget.

A conference then followed with Mr. William Edge regarding the Civil Defense Budget for 1972. The subject of outlays was discussed and Mr. Lannan reported that efforts are underway to obtain certain pieces of equipment of Surplus Government Property from the military base at Fort Devens. Mr. Edge stated that this information should be forwarded to Mr. Charles S. Koulas, Director of the Civil Defense Committee. The budget was given approval by the Selectmen.

Computer Programmer appointed under EEA project.

Mr. Lannan announced that Edwin D. Rasmussen of Concord, Mass. had been appointed as a Computer Programmer at the Nashoba Technical High School, effective Jan. 20th, 1972. Mr. Markham commented that he felt there must be an individual in the four town Nashoba area with proper qualifications and capability. Mr. Lannan indicated that there was a time element and the position should be filled as quickly as possible, under this Emergency Employment program.

Pole Location Hearing authorized.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing on a Pole Location Petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. for Varney Avenue, C-1169, for purpose of street lighting.

Application received for issuance of Auto Dealer License.

An application was received from Robert L. Hughes, d/b/a Eastern Motors, at 113 Tyngsboro Road, for issuance of a Class II Auto Dealer License. The Selectmen decided to invite the applicant to meet with them on Monday, February 7th, 1972 at 9:15 P.M. and that he should be requested to submit a plot plan of the area in question.

Anniversary to be observed by Boy Scout Troop.

An invitation was received to attend the banquet for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Boy Scout Troop 212 and a Court of Honor to be held at the Banqueteer on Wednesday evening, February 9th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Ind. Com. Appmts.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission in which suggestions were made that certain appointments be considered for those members whose terms will expire in 1972. Pending inquiry, the subject was tabled.

A letter was received from the Planning Board in which they suggested that a legal opinion be obtained from the Town Counsel to determine if it is necessary to conduct a second public hearing on re-zoning applications that are received for action at one town meeting; then subsequently withdrawn, and resubmitted for a later town meeting. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the legal opinion request not be approved, inasmuch as the cost of such opinions is often a substantial sum, and to ask the Planning Board to concede to the wishes of the board, and hold a second hearing in each such case, and thus allow town citizens an opportunity to speak on the subject inasmuch as their feelings may have changed on these matters. Other members of the board concurred with Mr. Humphrey's suggestion and the request was not approved.

Planning Board asks that Legal Opinion be obtained. Request not approved.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Robert J. Noble as a member of the Board of Registrars. The resignation was received since Mr. Noble is presently aspiring for public office. It was decided to have a letter of appreciation prepared to thank him for serving as a Registrar of Voters.

Registrar of Voters resigns. Resignation accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint John J. Carr of 24 Sunset Avenue as a member of the Board of Registrars, on an interim basis to March 6th, 1972, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Noble. Mr. Lannan announced that Mr. Carr, who is retired from earlier service on this board, had been contacted and would be willing to serve for this short period of time.

Registrar of Voters appointed.

A letter was received from Mr. Daniel Horgan, Engineer for the state DPW, relating to the town's application for assistance under the state highway plan called "Topics" and Mr. Horgan requested that four copies of the town street map be forwarded to him, as well as some description of what projects should be considered. Mr. Lannan read a memorandum received from the Planner of the Highway Dept. and it was decided to forward this written information to Mr. Horgan.

Additional information requested by state DPW for "Topics" project.

Mr. Lannan announced that the town had recently received a check in amount of $500.00 from the National League of Cities due to the hiring of certain person under the EEA program, and who had received certain specialized training before being hired. Mr. Lannan stated that the funds could be used for purchase of needed equipment for the Office of the Planner and Draftsman. Mr. Lannan also explained that a second request had been sent to the League for funds as the newly hired computer programmer would qualify us for additional funds.

Funds rec'd. from National League of Cities.

A letter was received from the Police Department in which a recommendation was received to not place certain signs at Graniteville Road intersection with Berkeley and Castlewood Drives. The signs had been suggested earlier by the new Planner. The Selectmen agreed with the Police Report and asked that this information from the Police Dept. be sent to the Planner.

Police Dept. does not recommend certain intersection signs.

Mr. Lannan read a legal opinion which had been received from the Town Counsel relating to the subject of advisability of placing a referendum question on the ballot for the Annual Town Meeting to learn the feelings of the voters concerning fluoridation of town water supplies. Atty. McCarthy recommended that the Selectmen not place the subject on the town ballot; that it was a question for the Board of Health to propose and for the Water Districts to decide. Mr. Humphrey commented that our request to the Town Counsel was for advice to determine the feasibility to place the question before the voters and to learn their feelings, and this would serve as a guide for town officials. Mr. Lannan then read the letter of request to the Town Counsel to clarify the board's instructions to him. Then Mr. Humphrey asked that the board discuss the subject later with the town counsel so that he could expound on the reasons for this opinion.

Town Counsel advises board not to have referendum on town ballot for fluoridation

Hearing to be held re: license granted to Paramount Lounge Corporation.

Mr. Lannan spoke next on the subject of the Liquor License which had been granted in 1971 to the Paramount Lounge Corporation and he explained that recently a notice had been received from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission stating that they had taken no action on the subject of granting of this license since they could find no record that the corporation was listed at the Office of the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth. Mr. Lannan suggested that the board now hold a hearing with the parties involved to determine what the next steps would be in this matter. It was agreed that such a hearing should be held, and it will be scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14th, 1972 at 8:30 P.M.

Insurance coverages to be checked

A discussion then followed regarding the use of the West Chelmsford Fire Station as a location for storage of Recreation Commission Equipment. Before taking final action, to authorize this use, the board decided to check what insurance coverage exists for equipment that may be stored at this location, particularly theft coverage.

Selectmen to study proposal for By-Law to regulate Yard or Barn Sales

The Building Inspector submitted suggestions for a Town By-Law to control the holding of Yard and Barn Sales in residential areas. The members decided to study the proposal before making any decisions.

Discussion held re: future EEA positions which may be established.

Mr. Lannan spoke about future plans for positions that might be funded thru "Lag Funds" for the Emergency Employment Act. He stated that it might be advisable to consider the appointment of a Canine Control Officer to assist the local Dog Officer as presently there is a County Dog Control Order in force presently for all hours of the day, as a protection against wildlife. He stated that the Office of Manpower Affairs had indicated they would approve such a position. Mr. Doody expressed the thought that more time is needed to decide this question. Mr. Humphrey suggested that School Crossing Guards be considered under the EEA program and it was finally decided to forward an inquiry to the Police Chief to determine what his recommendations would be. Mr. Hart indicated that the latter suggestion might be worthwhile. Mr. Markham commented that dog problems presently are severe.

Special session planned for St. Accept. Hearings.

It was decided to hold Street Acceptance Hearings at a special meeting of the board and not at a time when regular business matters would be transacted.

Capital Budgeting Program to be commenced and department heads to be requested to submit data and attend group meeting to discuss the subject.

Then Mr. Doody spoke at length on the advisability of commencing work on a Capital Budgeting Plan for the entire town. He stated that town officials and the voters should have complete and up-to-date-information on capital improvement needs. He stated we need to know where we are now; where we are going and an analysis of these facts with cost figures. He cited various examples where capital investments are needed and he inquired if we are taking full advantage of all state and federal funds which might be available for such capital improvements. He stated that each department of the town should be asked about their needs and they should be identified and described in detail for the period of nine years, from 1972 thru 1979, and he recommended that a meeting be called for all department heads to attend to discuss this vital subject. He proposed the date of Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 1972, commencing at 7:30 P.M. (Later the meeting was scheduled during further discussion on Feb. 23rd, 1972, but Mr. Doody on Jan. 25th, 1972 requested that the original suggested date of Feb. 16th, 1972 be the final date.) Mr. Doody requested that the various departments bring in data pertaining to their needs at this meeting, and then there would be a codification of all the materials for the departments to use. He suggested that later a committee be established to study the entire program. He recommended that the Selectmen make the first appointments and later have the committee appointed by town meeting vote. Mr. Humphrey stated the subject has great merit and he asked that the work proceed. Mr. Lannan, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham concurred and it was agreed to send out the material to all departments and invite the representatives to the discussion meeting. Mr. Markham inquired if there might be a need here for an EEA employee to assist with this program.

Conference planned with Town Counsel.

It was decided to meet with the Town Counsel on Saturday morning, Jan. 29th, 1972 commencing at 10:00 A.M. at the Center Town Hall, to discuss the preparation of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and to present to him the material to be used in this work.

Mr. Markham then referred to the letter from the Board of Health relating to the plans to implement a Sanitary Landfill in 1972. He stated that the board should consider the subject as there are aspects which should be brought to the attention of the Board of Health. Several suggestions were made and it was decided to forward an inquiry to that department to ask that

1. Plans for purchase of equipment should be worked out with the Act'g. Supt. of Streets, so that he would be aware of the type to be used.
2. The equipment should be made available to the town on an emergency basis, as needed, and as an example, for snow removal work.
3. The present by-law stating the hours the dump will be open should be amended if the future hours will change.
4. That the Personnel Board should set up salary and/or wage rates for the new positions that will be created under this program.

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Mr. Markham then asked if the board members would take any action on the plans to repeal the state law which establishes the rates of pay of the Fire and Police Chiefs. Mr. Doody stated he favored the plan to repeal the law. After some discussion Mr. Doody moved to have letters prepared for the State Senator and State Representative to oppose any bill which allowed the state to dictate salary rates for these two town department heads. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion, commenting that the Home Rule aspect should prevail in such matters. Mr. Markham asked that a further study be made on the subject before making a recommendation as he felt he would like to know more about the bill which will eventually be considered. He said that our present salary rates for these department heads are not especially high and that a careful review is needed as the positions are very important. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote. The majority voted in favor. Those recorded were Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Lannan. Mr. Markham then voted in opposition, stating he wanted to see the final legislation.

Selectmen
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The last subject of business for the meeting was a decision relating to the written request for restraining of dogs owned by Hank and Judith Karow which had been received from Mrs. Natalie Svetlichny. Mr. Lannan read the contents of a recent letter received and which emphasized the need for precautions to be taken as a public safety measure. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to place a permanent restraining order in effect for all hours of the day against those dogs for which a hearing had been conducted on Jan. 17th, 1972, as a precaution against any personal injuries that might occur in the future and to avoid any such repetitions of the incidents which had been described during the course of the hearing testimony. Mr. Markham did inquire if a new report had been received from the Dog Officer and if any report had come from the Police Department. Mr. Lannan reported that no had been received. It was also decided that the restraining order notice should include the state law requirements relating to kennel license provisions.

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On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 A.M. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Meeting
adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

On Saturday, January 29th, 1972 the Selectmen conferrred at their office commencing at 9:00 A.M. concerning the progress being made for Labor Contract negotiations for the Fire and Highway Department Employees. Later commencing at 10:00 A.M. the Selectmen met with the Town Counsel to plan the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Many articles were turned over to the Town Counsel to commence this work.

Selectmen
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re: Labor
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Annual Town
Meeting
Warrant.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, January 31, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Humphrey was not able to be present inasmuch as his working schedule in Boston was extended. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Reporters were present from the news media as follows:

1. Mr. Charles D. Harrington of the Lowell Sun. He arrived at 7:05 P.M. and departed at approximately 10:25 P.M.
2. Mrs. Marion Dempsey of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:25 P.M.
3. Mrs. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:29 P.M. Both Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Kierce remained at the meeting until time of adjournment

Conference planned with Town Counsel and Finance Committee re: Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

It was stated that a conference had been scheduled for Thursday evening, Feb. 2nd, 1972, with the Town Counsel and the members of the Finance Committee to discuss the articles for the warrant and make plans for the preparation of the warrant.

Labor Meeting Scheduled.

It was noted that the next meeting for Labor Contract Negotiations will be held on Wednesday evening, February 9th, 1972 at 6:30 P.M. for Highway Dept. Employees.

Proclamation signed by the board.

Just prior to 7:30 P.M. a short ceremony was conducted for signing of a Proclamation for the campaign to raise donations for the Heart Fund. Mr. Peter A. Pisecco and Mrs. Myra Silver were present. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to proclaim February 1972 as Heart Month in Chelmsford. Then the proclamation was signed and a photograph was taken of the signing.

Conference planned re: drainage problems at Lupien Pond.

A discussion was then held regarding correspondence received concerning problems encountered with the Lupien Pond Drainage flow. It was decided to conduct a conference with all the parties involved on Monday evening, February 14th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. It was decided also to inform the parties involved that this would not be considered a hearing, but instead it would be a discussion. It was also decided to invite the Board of Health and Health Director to attend.

Conference held with Chairman of Board of Assessors re: use of upstairs facilities at Center Town Hall for ReValuation Hearings

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Charles A. House, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, to discuss the need for use of upstairs Center Town Hall facilities during March and April for the holding of hearings by the company representatives who are conducting the Revaluation work. Mr. House explained that he believed many hearings will be conducted and it was planned they would be held during daytime hours, Mondays thru Fridays, and if necessary, on Saturdays. A sample copy of the notice to be sent to each property owner was made available to the board. The Selectmen approved the request to make use of the upstairs facilities, as needed, to conduct the required hearings, if property owners feel there is need for discussion as to the new valuation rates. Then Mr. Lannan spoke of the difficulties he had learned which other towns had experienced when 100% valuations commenced, and that the towns did receive less state monies. He stated also that Senator MacKenzie is trying to correct the present inequities in the law. As an example of the difficulties, the Town of Burlington was cited as one municipality which received less in state funds after the revaluation was made. Mr. House explained that this was a serious problem facing towns such as Chelmsford and he understood that steps are underway to revise the formula so that certain communities would not be treated adversely.

Conference planned with State Senator re: Distribution of State Funds.

Mr. Lannan suggested that a conference be held with Senator MacKenzie and the Board of Assessors and Selectmen very soon to discuss this subject. Mr. Doody concurred and stated such a conference now would be most timely. Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham approved of the suggestion. It was then decided to request Sen. MacKenzie to meet with the board on Monday, Feb. 7th, 1972, or if not convenient, to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. respectively.

Regular meeting rescheduled.

It was decided to schedule a regular meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 1972 inasmuch as a legal holiday occurs on Monday, Feb. 21st.

On a motion by Mr. Doody,. seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10th, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17th, 1972.

Minutes Accepted.

It was decided to take no action on the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24th, 1972, to allow the members additional time to read the material.

Action on other minutes delayed.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to grant a renewal of an Auctioneer's License to Joseph D. Farragher, of 1 Allen Street. Fee: $2.00

Auctioneer's License Granted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing for petition of Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 2 Joint Pole Locations on Delmore Drive for new service; #C-1162.

Pole Location hearing authorized.

A letter was received from Mr. Peter L. Rogers of the Chelmsford Farms Community Association to thank the board and town departments for assistance in drainage problems in the Farms One Development. They did also request that catch basins and those other critical portions of the run-off system be serviced regularly by the Highway Department. It was decided to so notify the Acting Supt. of Streets of this request.

Letter of thanks received re: assistance given by town in drainage matters.

Street Acceptance Hearings were scheduled for Wednesday evening, Feb. 23rd. 1972 for seven requests received.

Street Hearings Scheduled.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Sewer Commission, James J. McKeown, Chairman, Matthew J. Doyle, Jr., and Joseph M. Gutwein. Also present were members of the Sewer Advisor Committee; Harold Costa, Alexander Karefelis, James Rogers, John McCormack and James Walters. The conference was called for the purpose of discussing individual cost allocations for sewer installations. Mr. McKeown stated that a study had been made in the past to determine the best manner for sewer installation costs for the homeowner. He then presented the board with copies of minutes of meetings of the Sewer Commission on Sept. 22nd, 1971 and October 4th, 1971. At this point he requested that Mr. Harold Costa inform the board of the work and present conclusions of the Sewer Advisory Committee. Mr. Costa explained that the Advisory Committee was formed about one year ago and they had made a detailed study of the subject; taking in mind the need for adequate revenue and placing costs on a fair and equiable way. He said that various sections of the town were represented on the committee and much investigation had been made, and cost needs had been studied, and some conclusions had been reached and are contained in the record of minutes presented to the board this evening. Mr. McKeown stated that all types of cost allowances had been discussed; such as the user paying all costs; the town paying all the costs, and several plans between these two extremes. He then outlined four plans which had been discussed in great detail. The first was a cost all on the tax rate; the second was a betterment or user charge of 75% and a 25% charge on the tax rate; the third was a charge on the homeowner of $2,000. with also a service charge; and fourth a charge of 100% on the user. He stated that also there would be operation and maintenance annual charges to be paid by the user. Mr. McKeown stated that all these proposals will be presented to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting, per articles already submitted, and a vote requirement would be needed. He also asked if it would be advisable to have a ballot used to present one question with a four-answer multiple choice. Mr. Lannan asked if the state has approved the plans for the treatment plant. Mr. McKeown stated that the state has already approved the treatment plant plans, the interceptor plans and the lateral plans. Mr. Lannan then referred to the previous town meeting vote at which time some $1,300,000. had been approved for a sewer

Condference with members of Sewer Commission and Sewer Advisory Committee to discuss Sewer Assessment Costs.

program and he inquired about the progress to date. Mr. McKeown explained that it had later been determined that the sum was judged to be insufficient. At this point Mr. Doyle arrived at the meeting. Mr. Lannan stated that the meeting this evening would be to determine the allocation of costs and to decide if more study of this subject is needed. He asked if we now have sufficient information for the voters to make a correct decision. Mr. Lannan asked if EDA federal funds are available as this is classified as a distressed area. He also asked if there should be another committee to study the subject. Mr. McKeown commented that at the Special Town Meeting we understood the some voters wanted another solution to the problems of sewage disposal and he asked if the Selectmen wanted them to speak on this matter this evening. Mr. Lannan replied that the board wanted to discuss the distribution formula tonight and he asked if new plans would involve changes in the state timetable. Mr. McKeown stated that we must have state blessing for any changes. Then Mr. Doody asked about the four articles planned for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. McKeown explained that the four would consist of assessment plans for 1: Property owner to pay 75% and 25% on the tax rate; 2. Use charge of $2,000. and remainder on general tax with a ratio of approximately 60% - 40%; 3. A plan for all revenue to come from the property tax and; 4. a plan for a complete user charge. Mr. Doody asked what the approximate cost would be for a $20,000. home. Mr. McKeown replied that with interest rates presently dropping, the cost would be $3,000. on the 75%-25% plan, plus the use charge, and their share of the 25% tax rate levy, and the operating and maintenance costs of about $30.00 per year. Mr. Gutwein stated that a very careful and complete study had been made of the 75%-25% plan and he described some background information which goes into such a study. He added that if the costs are all on the tax rate, the charge could be $200.00 per home per year and if all costs are on the user, the cost would be $400.00 per home per year. Mr. Doody then stated that this would be difficult on owners of homes and properties in the North Chelmsford section, where the residents, in many cases, are older residents and this would present a financial hardship for them, and one which they did not ask for. He stated that we are told of the needs and we must comply, but one section of town should not bear the brunt of such costs. Mr. Doyle explained that we must find an equitable basis for those who pay and for those who use, and the total cost of the project is a staggering one, and we are most concerned. He said that their Sewer Advisory Sub Committee has studied the subject most thoroughly and there has been a major emphasis to have an equitable cost to all parts of the town. He stated that the state order is here and we must work it out. Mr. Doody commented that the 75%-25% ratio plan is too high for the residents of the north section, and he expressed much concern about this fact. He asked if there would be EDA funds available or if the Northern Middlesex Area Commission could help. Mr. McKeown then said the North, Center and Westlands are all involved in the early stages of the project and the Center and Westlands would soon be faced with such costs. He said the initial phase has most Federal and State aid included in it and the later phases will be almost entirely financed by town funds. He said there is a need for further federal and state aid and NMAC has assisted on a regional basis and as further regional plans develop (such as with Tyngsboro and Westford) more federal and state funds might be received. He also stated that the federal agency HUD might be able to assist. Mr. Doody asked if the new Industrial Development Representative could help to follow up the contacts with the federal and state agencies to determine if further funding by them is possible. Mr. Harold Costa stated that if the 75%-25% plan is changed, the other town residents will want an explanation and the town could experience a problem relating to such a change. Mr. Doody stated that the North carea will carry a serious financial burden under the 75%-25% plan and the town-wide area might want to assist the residents of the North area. Mr. McKeown asked if the Selectmen approved these articles, and if not, does the board have another approach to suggest. Mr. Hart then asked what will happen if all the articles for assessment costs are voted down, Mr. McKeown stated that under the state law, the Sewer Commission is empowered to act by setting up a plan. At this point Mr. Richard Codling, a member of the Sewer Study Group, who was present with a few of these committee members, asked if he could speak on the subject of cost distribution factors and also on other ways to meet the problem . Mr. Lannan suggested that a separate meeting be held to discuss the latter subject. Mr. Edward Hilliard stated that perhaps the state

Conference held with members of the Sewer Commission and Sewer Advisory Committee to discuss subject of Sewer Assessment Costs.

might approve other plans. Mr. McKeown added that complete engineering plans would be required for state approval. Then Mr. Lannan listed three items that should be settled, based on discussions this evening. They were a question to the Town Counsel if a majority vote or a two-thirds of majority vote would be required for Sewer Commission articles; will the state consider alternate proposals and to learn voter reaction to the proposals to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. Then Mr. Garry St. Martin of the Sewer Study Group commented that there were many problems here and there is a need for further study. Mr. Richard Madden of the same group said he was worried about the Phase I plans and he felt also that a total betterment cost for the property owner, or a total tax rate cost would both be bad. Mr. Lannan emphasized that the voters at a previous town meeting did approve the Phase I plans. Mr. Madden said he feared all townspeople will not be treated fairly. Mr. Lannan commented that if all the proposals are voted down at the town meeting, advice would be needed fron the town counsel. Mr. Hart suggested that a fifth article be inserted in the warrant, if all four proposals are rejected, to determine if the voters want a sewer system at all; now that they know of these high costs. Then a long discussion followed as to the extent of the state order which requires installation of a sewer system. Mr.Doyle commented that it would be difficult to decide what alternative steps to take, and to properly word an article . Mr. Markham asked if cost distribution alternatives been discussed, and that all alternatives should be presented to the voters. He also suggested that another conference be held as further discussions are needed to discuss other problems. Mr. Hart then moved that a special meeting of the board be held for this purpose. Mr. Markham seconded the motion and it was voted by the majority present. Then the date of Saturday Feb. 5th, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. at the Center Town Hall was set and all the parties were invited to attend.

Conference continues with members of the Sewer Commission and Sewer Advisory Committee. to discuss Sewer Assessment Costs. Future meetin to be held to continue discussion.

At 9:15 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Conservation Commission and those present included Edmund Polubinski, Chairman, Kathleen Ehlers, Esther V. Blechman, Florence H. Gullion, Robert E. Howe, John J. Balco, and a previous Commission Member, Mrs. Margaret E. Mills. Several subjects were discussed. The first item of business related to the change in the state law which will require the Conservation Commissions to conduct the Hatch Act Hearings instead of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Polubinski asked for advice as to the procedures which should be followed in such matters. Mr. Coburn, Adm. Assist., explained in details the procedures he has followed in past years to process these applications. Mr. Coburn offered to work with the Commission members to set up future applications for advertising, and for conducting the hearings. The second subject discussed was the status of a request sent to the Town Counsel during May 1971 to determine ownership of certain land areas, which might be useful for purposes of conservation in the future. The Selectmen agreed to follow up this subject with a letter of inquiry to the Town Counsel to obtain the answers to various questions of ownership, and what steps the town can take to obtain ownership, if this is advisable. The third topic of discussion was the proposal that the staff and pupils of the Nashoba Vocational School be requested to work on a project for the construction of a Field House at the Wright Reservation. Mr. Doody explained the proposal now before the Vocational School officials for construction of a Community Center. He suggested that the Conservation Commission work on certain specifications for a Field House, such as location, size and type of construction, and the future use of the building, and present this information to the Nashoba staff. Mr. Markham also suggested that a letter of request be sent to the Nashoba School Supt. immediately, to propose such a project, and to offer details, as well as to ask for a conference. He suggested that such a conference commence at the site, and it must be understood that the material costs must be paid by the town. The Commission members indicated they would now carry out these suggestions. The conference ended at this point, although the Conservation Commission members remained for the next order of business.

Conference held with members of the Conservation Commission to discuss changes in state law relating to Hatch Act and need for legal advice and to present plans for a Field House at Wright Reservation.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter received from Mr. Edmund Polubinski in which he informed the Selectmen that he would not be available for reappointment as a member of the Conservation Commission, after his present term expires during March 1972. He also indicated that he would not plan to serve on the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee. Mr. Lannan expressed the regrets of the board to learn of his decision and he praised Mr. Polubinski for the work which had been accomplished by him in both positions. Mr. Lannan asked that a letter of appreciation be prepared so that it might be sent to Mr. Polubinski in the near future. Mr. Lannan stated that a debt of gratitude is certainly due and many persons in the town would recognize the excellent work done by Mr. Polubinski. Mr. Doody concurred by saying it was a remarkable job. Mr. Hart added to this praise by saying that Mr. Polubinski had done a fantastic job and he asked Mr. Polubinski if he would reconsider the portion of his letter relating to the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee, as this would be a severe loss to the committee if he should no longer serve. Mr. Markham concurred, stating that he hoped Mr. Polubinski would reconsider as the town needs your knowledge and help in this important work. Mr. Polubinski thanked the board for its confidense expressed and stated he would always be available for consultation, and he agreed to reconsider the resignation from the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee, and think the matter over and so notify the board later. Then the conference ended.

Letter received from Chairman of Conservation Commission in which he indicates he will not serve after expiration of his appointment.

Street Light order approved.

Approval was given for the preparation of a Street Light Installation Order for Grove Street and Summer Street Extension.

Retirement Assessment Announced.

A notice was received from the Middlesex County Retirement Board in which the Annual Retirement Assessment was set at $160,106.54 for 1972. It was decided to prepare copies of the document for the Town Counsel and Finance Committee.

Legal Opinion received re: Town Forest Damages.

A letter was received from the Town Counsel in which he offered legal advice pertaining to damages to the Town Forest, as previously reported by Mr. Martin K. Bovey. Mr. McCarthy reported that there was little the town can do to recover any damages inasmuch as the identification of the persons responsible is not actually known. It was decided to notify Mr. Bovey of this fact.

Discussion held re: Salary Rates for Positions of Town Clerk and Treasurer and Tax Collector.

A letter was received from the Personnel Board in which recommendations were made for salary rates for the Town Clerk, and the Treasurer and Tax Collector. The Selectmen had earlier inquired from the Personnel Board if it now might be advisable to have two persons hold these positions and that a salary adjustment for each position might now be advisable. The Personnel Board indicated that they had decided, by majority opinion, that one person should continue to hold both positions, and they set rates of $4,325.00 and $6,870.00 for Treasurer and Tax Collector. Mr. Doody commented that it was his opinion that the salary rates are too low, and he inquired about the survey of comparable towns and what is being paid elsewhere. He questioned the wisdom of setting a rate for the town clerk that would be less than what a senior clerk under the town clerk would receive. Mr. Hart asked if actually one person can now handle the work of these jobs, since the town has grown to such an extent. He said he is not sure of this fact, and he indicated that the present person holding these jobs, can do so, because she has extensive experience. Mr. Markham stated that it has been too short a time to evaluate the question and he asked that consideration be given for an equitable rate of pay for either one person, or two persons, who might hold these positions. He said also the Selectmen cannot change the job titles, and that the Charter Study Commission will make such recommendations. It was decided to make another request to the Personnel Board for data of current salary rates for these positions in other towns of comparable size. It was also decided to confer with the Finance Committee about this subject at the earliest opportunity.

Claim for Property Damage Received.

A letter was received from Steven J. Wallach of 4 Thornton Lane, with a claim for damages to his automobile due to an accident on Jan. 21st, 1972 which traveling on Chelmsford Street. It was decided to forward all papers to the Town Counsel and to request that he determine the town's liability in this case.

It was decided to have a letter of application prepared to be sent to the state Dept. of Public Utilities for holding of hearing regarding the need for installation of fencing along railroad property of the Penn Central Transportation Company adjacent to the Byam School.

Application to be sent to DPU for railroad fencing.

Mr. Charles D. Harrington, reporter for the Lowell Sun, departed at this point of the meeting, at about 10:25 P.M.

A letter was received from the Middlesex County Commissioners in which it was learned that the County Engineers would conduct a survey to determine the proper location of the town boundary for Chelmsford and Westford as it crosses Pine Hill Road, per original request of Mr. Edward Baron. The County Commissioners suggested that bounds be set at certain points and that the towns of Chelmsford and Westford should be prepared to meet the cost of purchasing the bounds. It was decided to request the Town Engineer to obtain information as to the estimated costs of the bounds, and to so notify the Selectmen of Westford that the project is underway, and to inform Mr. Baron of the progress of the project to date..

County Commissioners inform Selectmen that towns should share cost of town bounds.

Notice was received from the County Commissioners that the Middlesex County Hospital Assessment will be $11,932.13 for 1972. Mr. Markham asked if information could be obtained as to the number of Chelmsford residents that might have received medical assistance at this installation.

County Hospital Assessement Received.

A letter was received from Mr. Eustace B. Fiske, Treasurer of the Insurance Sinking Fund, to ask if the Commission members could contact the Town Counsel for additional legal advice pertaining to questions they had asked during 1971, and which were not entirely answered at that time. The board offered their approval to this request with the understanding that the new information would be expanded data on the original question.

Insurance Sinking Fund Commissioners to receive additional information from Town Counsel.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Committee to Study Lighting of Certain Playground Areas:

1. Paul Krenitsky, 12 Draycoach Drive, To represent School Building Committee,
2. Paul W. Murpjy, 21 Whippletree Road, To represent Recreation Commission,
3. Robert C. McManimon, 48 Adams St., To represent Varney Playground Commission.

Members of Playground Lighting Committee Appointed.

A report was received from the Adm. Assist. to inform the board that no Fire nor Theft Insurance exists on old West Chelmsford Fire Station, nor the contents stored at this location. It was decided to inquire from the Insurance Sinking Fund Commissioners if they will be willing to cover such property if athletic equipment of the Recreation Commission is stored in this unoccupied building.

Inquiry to be made re: theft and fire insurance.

A letter was received from Alpine Lanes Bowling Alleys, by George Hedrick, Manager, to ask for permission to open the alleys on Sundays for special tournament from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. during three occasions in April 1972. It was decided to have the Adm. Assist. investigate the subject before a decision is made.

A letter was received from the Board of Health stating they will meet with the Selectmen on Tuesday evening, March 14th, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. to discuss the subject of fill removal from Crystal Lake Property for Sanitary Landfill Operation. Inasmuch as the Selectmen plan to meet the same evening, in regular session, it was decided to invite the Board of Health to hold the conference in the upstairs Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Conference scheduled with members of the Board of Health.

Mr. Lannan read a letter received from the Planner for the Highway Dept. regarding recommendations that Aerial Photography and Topography mapping for the entire town be studied and planned for later in the year. The board decided to study the proposal, as such a project would require much planning.

Suggestion received re: Aerial Mapping.

Discussion held re: EEA Positions.

The board then discussed the subject of positions to be set up under the Emergency Employment Act and Mr. Lannan reported that under Section 6 Funds, there would be positions for Chelmsford and Tyngsboro and the job descriptions were now being prepared. Mr. Doody then introduced the subject of a position of Stenographer and/or Clerk Typist for the Selectmen's Department, to relieve the Adm. Assist. of some duties which have required him to work additional hours beyond the regular work week, and to enable him to do other work which might be more beneficial and helpful to the board. Mr. Lannan indicated that there might be a possibility of obtaining approval for this type of position and he offered to make plans for such a position, and prepare the job description.

EEA position suggested for Selectmen's Department.

Telephone facility approved for Purchasing Officer.

Mr. Lannan stated that approval should be given for installation of a telephone for the new office of the Purchasing Officer. The board indicated that approval be given and the order placed immediately.

Report given regarding Community Center Project.

Mr. Doody then gave a report on the progress of meetings and consultations held relating to the construction of a Community Center by students of the Nashoba Vocational School. Mr. Doody stated that there was a good response at a recent meeting called to discuss the project and that various organizations were represented. Mr. Doody also stated that Mr. Edward Acheson of Kenwood Street, a student at the Nashoba School, had been named the Coordinator for the Program.

Report given regarding Capital Budgeting and Planning Project.

Mr. Doody also reported that work was underway on the project for Capital Budgeting and Planning and he described in some detail the objectives set forth in the letter of Jan. 28th, 1972 which had been sent out to many town departments. He said that some material had already been received and he was hopeful that much additional data would be received by Feb. 14th, 1972, and the meeting scheduled for Feb. 16th, 1972 will allow us time to codify the data for the Annual Town Meeting

Newspaper Correspondent to be honored at next meeting.

Mr. Hart then informed the board that Mr. Charles D. Harrington, the correspondent for the Lowell Sun, will attend his last meeting for this type of work, on Monday, Feb. 7th, 1972, and he suggested that a ceremony be held to take official recognition of the long years of service of Mr. Harrington. It was decided to present him with a letter of appreciation and commendation for the work done and to have a photographer from the Lowell Sun present to take a photograph of the ceremony. The members approved this suggestion.

Meeting adjourns.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to adjourn at 11:10 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by CHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, February 5th, 1972; 10:00 A.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Doody and Mr. Humphrey were unable to be present.

Special Meeting held to confer with members of Sewer Commission and Study Committees.

Others present included members of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Matthew J. Doyle, Jr. and Mr. Joseph M. Gutwein, and the Chairman, Mr. James J. McKeown.

Members of the Sewer Advisor Committee, who were present, included Mr. Harold Costa, Mr. Alexander Karafelis, and Mr. John McCormack.

Members of the Sewer Study Group who were present included Mr. Richard Codling, Mr. Gary St. Martin, Mr. Richard Madden, Mr. Gordon Reed, and Mr. Louis Overbeck Other interested persons present were Mr. Edward Hilliard, Mr. Donald C. Alvord, and Mr. Reginald Larkin.

Details of the proceedings and discussions are contained in a separate report and have been placed on file. The conference concluded at about 1:00 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by Gerald J. Lannan,
Chairman,

On February 7th, 1972, the following-named persons were drawn for Jury Duty:

1. John E. McDonough, 210 Groton Road, For Lowell Superior Court,
2. Samuel I. Parks, 174 Tyngsboro Road, " East Cambridge Superior Court,
3. Mary B. McNally, 163 Dalton Road, " " " " "
4. John Curtis Seaton, 7 Delmore Drive, " " " " "
5. Robert F. McCourt, 8 Churchill Road, " " " " "
6. Douglas Logan, Jr., 15 Grace Street, " " " " "
7. William Rollis, 30 Jordan Road, " " " " "

These jurors were drawn by Mr. Lannan, Chairman. For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Jurors Drawn.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, February 7th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Doody was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Just prior to commencing the meeting, a ceremony took place relating to the sale of the first ticket to Mr. Lannan, Chairman for the Chelmsford Pop Warner Football Dance, in support of the youth football program to be introduced this fall. Those present included Robert Messersmith, with his son, Mark, and Sherburne Appleton, with his son Robert. A photograph was taken of this ceremony.

Ceremony conducted for benefit of Pop Warner Football Program.

Reporters were present as follows:

1. Charles D. Harrington, of the Lowell Sun. He arrived at 7:25 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly. She arrived at 7:35 P.M.
3. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel. She arrived at 7:35 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:00 P.M.

Reporters present.

Mr. Lannan requested that specifications be prepared for purchase of Sidewalk Snow Plowing Equipment and a Snow Conveyor, so that bids may be called at a future time.

Specifications to be prepared for Sidwalk Snow Plowing Equipment.

It was decided to issue a Call for Bids through public advertisements for purchase of Police Cruisers, Fire Dept. Pick-up Truck, and miscellaneous equipment for the Highway Department, so that cost estimates will be available at time of Annual Town Meeting.

Bids to be advertised for various departmental equipment

At 7:30 P.M. a short ceremony took place to honor Mr. Charles D. Harrington, the Lowell Sun Correspondent, who has been attending meetings of the Chelmsford Board of Selectmen for approximately thirty years, to report the business of the board. Mr. Lannan read aloud from a letter of congratulations and best wishes for the future, and this token of the board's esteem was presented to Mr. Harrington. An official photograph was taken of the presentation and then Mr. Harrington expressed his appreciation. Mr. Harrington had indicated earlier that this would be the final meeting he would attend as a newspaper reporter.

Ceremony held to honor retiring newspaper correspondent. .

Mr. Lannan announced that the town had recently received a check in the amount of $500.00 from the National League of Cities & Towns regarding the employment of Mr. Edwin D. Rasmussen, under the EEA Program. It was stated that Mr. Rasmussen had completed a special educational training course which entitled the town to receive these funds.

Special funds rec'd. by the town.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority of the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24th, 1972.

Minutes accepted.

It was decided to take no action at this time on acceptance of the minutes of meeting of January 31st, 1972, to allow the members more time to examine the records.

Approval of minutes of meeting postponed.

Offer rec'd. re: Law Enforcement Program.

A letter was received from Mr. Geoffrey K. Bentley, of the Avco Corporation relating to an offer to the town to assist in matters of Law Enforcement. It was decided to forward the letter to the Police Chief for his study and to determine what is involved and if the proposals, as offered, would be beneficial to the town, and to ask that the board be kept informed of his recommendations.

Selectmen to recognize 50th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop.

It was decided to have a letter of congratulations and best wishes prepared for the Chairman to present to the Boy Scout Troop 212, and American Legion Post 212, on the occation of 50th Celebration of the Troop and the Court of Honor to be held on Wednesday evening, February 9th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. at the Banqueteer Restaurant.

Resident requests that changes should be made at four-way stop intersection.

A letter was received from Mrs. Linnea Fader of 217 Main Street, in which she offered the opinion that the making of a four-way stop intersection at Graniteville Road and School Street, might not be advisable, and might result in further traffic difficulties. It was decided to make a reply to Mrs. Fader and inform her that the board had received prior requests to take steps to protect the public, and that Police Dept. traffic recommendations had been received. It was further decided to have the state DPW representatives consider this location for a traffic study on the "Topics" program, and to so notify the Planner of the Highway Dept. so that he would be prepared to confer with state officials about this

Selectmen approve change in managership for liquor establishment.

A letter was received from Atty. George B. Leahey, who represents the owners of the Chelmsford Package Store, Inc., located at 149 Gorham Street, and he informed the board that the corporation had officially voted to name Leonard W. Dailey, as the new Manager, and to authorize him to act in behalf, and file applications for future liquor license renewals, of the corporation. This change resulted from the recent death of Mr. Robert F. Dailey, former Manager, on Jan. 16th, 1972. Also the documents contained information that Sheila A. Dailey had been voted as Clerk of the Corporation. Mr. Coburn, Adm. Assist. reported that all documents relating to these changes had been received. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted to approve the naming of the new manager and clerk and to so notify the state agency of these changes. The vote was by the majority of the members present.

Conference scheduled with Environmental Advisory Council.

A letter was received from Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council, in which she requested that a conference be arranged with Council Members to discuss subjects of Recycling, Snow Mobiles, Biocides and related problems. It was decided to schedule such a conference on Monday evening, February 28th, 1972 at 8:30 P.M.

Special permission granted to Bowling Alley for Sunday Tournament Event.

The Selectmen approved the request of Mr. George C. Hedrick, Manager of the Alpine Lanes, for conducting Sunday Bowling, on April 9th, April 16th, and April 23rd, 1972, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for purposes of holding a Tournament for the Merrimack Valley Junior Bowling Association. The board agreed to the request on the conditions that it be a private event, that the participants will only by the Junior Bowlers, and that the establishment will not be open to the general public during these hours, and the event shall be private, and the establishment will be considered "closed" for other than tournament purposes.

EEA position for School Crossing Guard to be studied.

A letter was received from the Police Chief in which he reported to the board that the establishment of a position entitled "School Crossing Guard" under the Federal EEA program, might be advisable, but needs considerable further study. The Selectmen requested that the study be continued and that a report later be filed with them.

Bids to be called soon for School Warning Sign.

A letter was from the Acting Supt. of Streets in which he informed the board that specifications had just been received for the installation of a Flashing Type Sign for Acton Road, as a safety measure for School Children and Buses near the Byam School, and that preliminary costs indicated that the $2,000. previously appropriated would not be sufficient, and that the new cost figure might be as much as $4,000. It was decided to take steps to call for bids, and prior to doing so, to obtain state minimum wage rates for this type of work.

At 8:00 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for Public Bus Transportation. Those present included Mr. Roger P. Welch and Mr. B. R. Goodman. The cost estimates related to the contract year May 13th, 1972 thru May 12th, 1973, provided an appropriation is approved. for the Annual Town Meeting. The bids are listed as follows:

1. Vocell Bus Lines Bid for Service from East Chelmsford to Kearney Sq. in Lowell and return: $5,000.00
2. Marinel Transportation, Inc., Bid for Service from Chelmsford Center and North Chelmsford to Kearney Square, Lowell, and return $20,000.00
   Bid for Service from East Chelmsford to Kearney Square, Lowell, and return: $9,000.00
3. Marinel Transportation, Inc., Alternate Bid for Service with two new buses. For Service from Center and North to Kearney Square, Lowell and return $25,000.00. East Chelmsford $9,000.00 (same as above.)

Mr. Welch explained that the town would not be billed under the Alternate bid until the new buses go into service, and the use of new bus equipment might attract more passengers. The bids were then taken under advisement.

Bids received for Public Bus Transportation.

A report was received from the Planner for the Highway Department with information that cost of implementing a recycling program could not be determined at this time, but the study would continue and that possibly the cost data would be available at time of Annual Town Meeting.

Highway Planner reports Recycling Cost Data not available at present time.

Mr. Lannan reported that additional federal funding in the amount of $40,000. had been recently received as a supplement for the EEA program.

Then Mr. Lannan informed the board that a conference had been held on Saturday morning, February 5th, 1972, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. with members of the Sewer Commission, Sewer Advisory Committee, and Sewer Study Committee to discuss alternate solutions to the problems of pollution. Mr. Lannan explained that members of the Sewer Commission and Sewer Advisory Committee would now prepare an article for the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting to authorize a study, and provide funds for same, to determine alternate steps that can be taken in the future. He stated also that conferences are planned with state officials to learn more about the state pollution abatement order and to determine if other alternatives, than a sewer system, can be considered. Finally on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, a proposal was placed before the board to accept an article from the Sewer Commissioners and other groups for making plans to do an independent study of the pollution problems, and to determine if the town can proceed with alternate plans. Then the board decided not take a vote on this motion pending a further conference with the Sewer Commissioners. Mr. Hart, at this point, withdrew his motion.

Discussion follows re: Alternate plans for solving Pollution Problems.

At about 8:20 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for the Recreation Commission for the Purchase of Little League Equipment. Bids were received from:

1. Lull & Hartford, 58 Prescott Street, Lowell, Mass.
2. Dana's Sport Shop, Inc., 62 Main Street, Andover, Mass.

The bids were forwarded to the Recreation Director, Mr. Edward J. Quinn, on Feb. 8, 1972.

Bids opened for Recreation Commission.

The board then made the following-mentioned appointments; all Election Officers:

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to appoint Marjorie L. Miller, of 17 Washington Street, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 2. (Term to expire: 8/1972.)

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to appoint Linda M. Stecchi, of 5 Highland Avenue, as Inspector for Precinct 2. (Term to expire: 8/1972.)

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to appoint Isabel M. Lambert, as Deputy Warden, for Precinct 8. (exp: 8/72)

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to appoint Virginia A. Cooney of 8 Arbutus Avenue, as Deputy Clerk for Precinct 8. (Term expires: 8/1972.)

Election Officer Appointments

Election Officers Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the majority present to appoint Rita M. Gamache, of 3 Garland Road, as an Inspector for Precinct 8; (Term expires: 8/1972.)

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to appoint William A. Knox, of 5 Spruce Street, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 8; (Term expires: 8/1972.)

Public Hearing conducted en the application of John C. Armstrong for issuance ef a Retail Package Goods Store, Wines and Malt Beverage License.

At 8:30 P.M. a Public Hearing was conducted on the application of John C. Armstrong, d/b/a "The Wine Rack", for issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store Wines & Malt Beverages License, to be exercised at 210 Boston Road. Approximately sixteen persons were present during this hearing. The applicant, John C. Armstrong, and his wife, Mrs. Lillian . Armstrong, were present. Mr. Lannan opened the hearing and read the application aloud. Mr. Armstrong then presented the affidavit, with return receipt cards received from abutters of the property, giving evidence of proper notification. Mr. Lannan then asked the applicant to speak and inform the board of his plans. Mr. Armstrong stated that it was his hope to operate a geod quality store, and he would stock quality type imports of cheeses and various other foods, and there would be a stock of quality wines. He explained that there is no such store of this type here now and there is a need and demand for this type of merchandise. He stressed the fact that the stock would consist of imported varieties of wines, and the finer type of foods. Mr. Lannan asked if ether persons present would care to speak in behalf of the applicant, and in favor of granting such a license. Mrs. Emily R. Heard, of 16 Gelding Road spoke and stated she now travels to Concord, Mass. and various other places to buy these types of wines and products and such a retail eutlet is needed in Chelmsford. She stated that presently there is no gourmet shop in town. Mrs. Berniece P. Whitesides, 24 Boston Road, stated she favored the granting of such a license and felt the plans described are an excellent idea. Mrs. Blanche Hollingworth of 24 Boston Road stated she favored the license and thought the idea was a good one. Mr. Robert A. Durkee, of 70 Boston Road, stated he was for it. Mr. Harold F. Campbell, of 55 Locke Road, an officer in the Chelmsford VFW Post, an abutter to the property in question, stated that he was attending the meeting to represent the VFW and he would have no argument against the application. Then Mr. Lannan asked for other persons to speak who might be opposed to the granting of the application. Mr. Albert J. Dussault of 26 Mill Road spoke and stated that he opposed the granting of such a license and added that they have enought troubles now with trash and bottles around, and a new store would add to this. Mrd. Mary T. Moran of 39 Mill Road spoke and said she was much against the store, and it will be located next to my house, and she said already has beer cans on her property now. Mr. Thomas P. Gove, of 34 Mill Road, stated he opposed the license, and cited the fact that already there is accumulation of trash from the store now in operation, and this will add to it. Mr. Armstrong then explained that he presently has a business on Drum Hill Road and he has a private contractor come to remove the rubbish. He assured those present that he would take care of needs at the location of this new store. Mr. Lannan asked what type of business he operates at Drum Hill Road and Mr. Armstrong replied that it was a Beauty Salon. Then Mrs. Constance V. Gove explained that already the area is a hangout for teenagers, and there is often times much notice, yelling and with cars coming and going. She added that drinking had been observed in the area and cans and bottles had been tossed out of cars and at times general rowdiness has prevailed. Mrs. Armstrong then stated she could see the reasons for disapproval of Mrs. Gove, but emphasized the fact that they would not be selling these beverages to minors. Mr. Thomas Gove then explained that there is a location near a pumping station where there is loitering and drinking, and he described the area as a hangout. He also stated that persons over twenty-one years of age can easily obtain the beverages and then give them to the persons under twenty-one years of age. Mr. Gove stated he felt that the issuance of such a license will add to the problems which already exist at this location and general area. Then Mrs. Gail A. Sayers, of 51 Grandview Road spoke and stated she was a patron of the Beauty Salon operated by Mr. Armstrong and his shop was a credit to him, and he operates a fine shop and she expressed the thought that he would do the same for the wine shop. Mr. Humphrey then asked Mr. Armstrong if he had any expierence operating this kind of a business. Mr. Armstrong stated that at the present time he has no experience and he would expect to learn the requirements. He stated that he would have qualified help to assist him and a person with experience and who would understand the requirements. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the applicant should familiarize himself with the laws regarding liquor licenses. He also stated that there had been some concern expressed here this evening by the neighbors, and the board also is concerned with community needs, and he stated that he is familiar with the type of operation explained by the applicant. Mr. Hart commented that this would be a sort of specialty shop and he asked about the hours of operation. Mr. Armstrong replied that the hours would be similar to the hours of other package stores. Mr. Hart asked if the store would be located next to the Purity Little Peach Store. Mr. Armstrong stated that it will be located two stores away and the size of the store would be approximately 20 ft. by 40 ft. At this point Mr. Markham asked about the home addresses of some of the persons who had spoken earlier in favor of the granting of the license. Mr. Coburn checked these facts with the previous speakers and all information was received. Mr. Markham asked if there would be a direct access to the Little Peach Store from the store of Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong replied there would not be, as there will be another store in between. He said originally the plans called for him to occupy the store next to the Little Peach, but it was found that the size of the store was such as to not meet his needs, and thus he will take another location. It was suggested then that the plot plan be marked to show this change. Mr. Lannan clarified some questions then by saying that the proper address would be 210 Boston Road. Mr. Markham asked if there would be any competitiion from other stores in this center. Mr. Armstrong explained that he did not expect there would be competition, as the items he will carry will be the smaller type and of the gourmet variety. Mr. Markham asked if the store interior plans were the same as indicated on the sketch submitted. Mr. Armstrong replied in the affirmative. Mr. Lannan asked who would be the manager and Mr. Armstrong stated it would be a qualified man who would assist him. Mr. Hart commented that perhaps Police Dept. surveillance is needed in the area, as explained by Mr. Gove. Mr. Gove explained that the area is large. Mr. Hart then recommended that the Police Chief be informed of these conditions, as described by the neighvors, so that some controls can be effected. Mrs. Moran said that there is now much noise and traffic and the dances conducted at the Aldersgate Church, attended by young people, bring many problems to the area. She said that those who favored the license tonight at this hearing all live far away from the premises. She said we neighbors are affected and we oppose the granting of the license. She said at times the lawns and yards are cluttered with paper and cans, and the dances have brought many young people to the area and the older persons buy the liquor. Mr. Gove then asked if a vote for yes and no would be taken by the board. Mr. Lannan then read the names to whom registered mail notices were sent and he explained that this, and the identification of persons who spoke this evening, would inform the board as to the number for or against the issuance of the license. Mr. Gove asked again if the board would ask those present if they were for or against the license. Mr. Campbell commented that from what had already been said, it appeared that three of the abutters were opposed and one was in favor. Then the hearing closed at about 9:00 P.M. Mr. Lannan then asked for a delay of one week to allow him the opportunity to visit the site, and inspect the area and check various distances. He stated that if the Board took action this evening, he felt he would have to abstain as he was not ready to vote this evening. He said that this would not be a reflection on the applicant, but only a request for time to obtain additional information. Mr. Humphrey said that he was willing to do as the board wishes. Mr. Hart offered to concur with this statement of Mr. Humphrey. Mr. Markham then asked about the procedures for notifying schools or churches and Mr. Coburn explained the procedures, and read from the letter of instructions to the applicant to warn him that such notices must be sent if the premises were located within a certain distance.

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Then Mr. Markham stated he was willing to act when the board wishes. Mr. Hart commented that the area was becoming more of a business district and now the Purity Company had erected some good buildings, and the type of merchandise planned for this store had been described as good. He stated that police department surveillance is needed, and he said he was willing to vote on the subject now or hold over until a later date. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the license be granted to Mr. Armstrong, based on the application received and upon the evidence presented at the hearing earlier this evening. He stated that this type of business would not be detrimental to the area anymore than other stores of this type, and he expressed the thought that the location would not be a hangout or place of loitering, and that other types of businesses, if located here, could be detrimental to the area, such as pizza or sandwich shops. He stated further he did not believe this type of business would be harmful to the neighborhood; that the area was zoned for business, and it is a clean type business, and there is a community need, and there are many residences in the general area to support such a store; the license is granted on an annual basis and comes up for renewal later, and there is an interest for this type of operation as special types of food products will be available. He said he had investigated the background of the applicant and found him to be of excellent character and a man of integrity, and that he would hold full responsibility for the operation of the store. Mr. Markham seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan then stated that he had no knowledge that would indicate that the applicant should be denied the license, and he probably would run an excellent store but he did want to visit the site and take some measurements. Then a vote was called and Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham voted in the affirmative to grant the license. Mr. Lannan abstained. Mr. Markham then commented that he had visited the site two weeks or so ago after the application had been received and he felt there had been opportunity in the past for the board members to inspect the premises. Then a short discussion followed as to procedures in previous such cases, and postponements or delays had been granted when a board member made such a request, and Mr. Lannan cited this fact. Then the discussion ended. Fee: $300.00. Adv. Costs: $16.50

Public Hearing continues regarding Application of John C. Armstrong for issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store Wines and Malt Beverages License.

Conference with applicant for Class II Auto Dealer license.

At 9:15 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Robert L. Hughes regarding his application for the issuance of a Class II, Auto Dealer License under name of Eastern Motors at 113 Tyngsboro Road. Mr. Hughes was asked to describe the premises and his plans for operating such a business. Mr. Hughes submitted a plot plan with dimensions, and stated that there had been no decision yet on the building to be constructed, but he indicated that an office and shop would be located in the rear of the property near the railroad tracks. Mr. Lannan asked if anyone present favored or objected to the granting of the license, and there was no response. Mr. Hart asked if this would be an operation of outside lot selling and Mr. Hughes answered yes. Mr. Hart asked if the lot is now ready and Mr. Hughes indicated that two trees must be removed. Mr. Lannan asked how many cars were planned for this lot and Mr. Hughes stated that he would like to plan to have fifteen cars on the premises, and this figure was based on the size of the lot. Mr. Lannan asked if Mr. Hughes favored a restriction on the license and would he accept a limitation. Mr. Hughes stated he would. Mr. Humphrey asked if he would object to a figure less than fifteen and Mr. Hughes stated it would not be profitable with a restriction for a very few cars. Mr. Hughes stated also there is a similar business located across the street and he also informed the board that he had spoken to Mrs. Ralph Hulslander, an abutter, and she had indicated that she did not object to such a business located on these premises. Mr. Markham asked if the present house on the property would remain. Mr. Hughes explained that the house is now vacant and definite plans had not been worked out. Mr. Markham asked about the location of the display area and Mr. Hughes explained where this would be located and he referred to the plan which had been submitted. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the license be granted with a restriction of fifteen vehicles to be on the premises for purposes of sale, and that observance of this restriction would be made by the board and if the board finds that the restriction is not being honored, the board would take future necessary action. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor of granting the license with restriction. Fee: $50.00

Class II, Auto Dealer License granted.

A notice was received from the Town Clerk that a legal suit had been entered in the Middlesex County Court by Durkin's vs The Town of Chelmsford with a claim for $8,000. for merchandise furnished and services supplied. The board indicated that the suit was in relation to the furnishing of the Byam School. Notice will be sent to the Town Counsel to request that he defend the town in this matter and to keep the Selectmen informed as to the progress of the case.

Legal documents received regarding court case involving furnishings for Byam School.

A conference then followed with members of the Sewer Commission and those present included James J. McKeown, Chairman, Matthew J. Doyle and Joseph M. Gutwein. A discussion followed as the procedures the Commission felt should be followed insofar as presenting articles for the voters to consider at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. McKeown outlined in some detail their plans; stating that the first articles will relate to additional funding requirements for Phase I, and Phase II Engineering work. Then various articles will be presented for determining the manner of sewer assessments and/or recovery articles. Then finally it was agreed that a final article will be submitted, in the event that all previous articles fail, to appropriate funds for engaging of engineering and consulting services, to determine if there are alternatives for solving the problems of pollution in the town. Finally the wording of an appropriate article was submitted, and will be forwarded to the Town Counsel.

Conference held with Sewer Commissioners re: Articles for Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, February 14th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:
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2. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:37 P.M.
All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:45 P.M.

Reporters present.

It was decided to forward a letter to Mr. Richard Eng of the Hong & Kong Restaurant, to advise him that the members of the board would be unable to attend a Chinese New Year's Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 1972, inasmuch as a regular meeting of the board had been scheduled, and to thank him for his invitation.

Board invited to celebration.

Mr. Doody requested that arrangements be worked out with Atty. Philip S. Lyman for scheduling the next Fire Department Employee Labor Contract Meeting.

Plans to be made for Labor Negotiation Meetg

Article re: Sewer Study rec'd.

Mr. Edward H. Hilliard and Mr. Richard B. Codling, both members of the Sewer Study Group, were present and submitted to the board a suggestion for an article for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and to be a revision of material submitted earlier to the board by the Sewer Commissioners. The material for the article was accepted, with the understanding that it would be sponsered by Mr. Richard Codling for the Sewer Study Group. (Further action taken on this subject later in the evening, appears further along in these minutes.)

Conference held with attorneys, engineer, and owners of property near Lupien Pond to discuss problems relating to drainage flow.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with various persons connected with the problems relating to Lupien's Pond drainage flow. The Town Counsel, Atty. Clement McCarthy, was present. Approximately thirty-five persons were present, including Atty. Daniel J. DeBenedictis, Attorney for Mr. Robert W. Bennett, and Mr. Donald A. George, Engineer. Also present was Mr. Peter H. Brown of 23 Cathy Road. Mr. Thomas W. Morris, Director of the Health Department, was present. Other persons were present as spectators to hear the testimony presented and a few of these persons participated in the discussions that followed. Mr. Lannan opened the conference by reading a series of letters which had been received earlier relating to the problems caused by high water levels, and subsequent water damage due to pressure and erosion on property of Mr. Robert W. Bennett. Background details were contained in letters received and read from Atty. DeBenedictis , the Department of Public Health, the Department of Natural Resources. Then Mr. Brown and Mr. Bennett presented letters to Mr. Lannan for reading. Mr. Thomas Morris also submitted documents for reading. Then Atty. McCarthy asked Atty. DeBenedictis if he had petitioned the court for a contempt citation. Mr. DeBenedictis replied that he wanted to learn the results of this conference and the feelings of the Selectmen before taking further legal action. Mr. McCarthy stated that if the court case had been pursued, this conference this evening would not be required. Atty. DeBenedictis stated he would explain his reasons for not going further in the courts. Mr. Lannan then read from further other documents and an engineering report from Mr. Donald A. George. Mr. DeBenefictis offered to explain why he has come before the board. He stated he felt the Selectmen should learn from him further details about the case. Mr. Lannan asked the Town Counsel if the town does have legal responsibility in this matter. Mr. McCarthy asked why the Attorney for Mr. Bennett had not proceeded in court with this case. Then Mr. Brown spoke stating that the Robert Wildes Company, the builder, had installed the facility to control the waters, including the flash boards, and the DPW had supervised the installation. He stated that he does not claim to control the water level. Mr. McCarthy inquired if this is not a civil matter. Atty. DeBenedictis replied that yes, on the one hand, it is a civil matter, but he felt there are other aspects to consider and town officials should be made aware of these aspects. He then stated that the splashboards above the concrete spillway were causing the water level to remain high, and that steps had not been taken to open the thirty-six inch culvert from the pond to drain the system. He said the high-water level could be hazardous to persons and property. He emphasized that the boards make the level of the water higher than it should be. He said also that the town controls the area in the rear of the Brown Property. The board then viewed the Brown Deed and maps and sketches were displayed and examined. Mr. Brown stated that without the splash boards, the water level would be at the 197.38 elevation. Atty. DeBenedictis then stated that during December 1971, more concrete had been set, and his client had to wade into the freezing water to remove the concrete and splashboards to keep the water level at a safer elevation. He stated that this problem had brought serious woes to his client; that there had been damage to the house, and he said pictures of the conditions are available and they were then shown to the board. Atty. DeBenedictis stated that the hazards go beyond damages to the Bennett property, as the lives of children in the area could be in jeoppardy and he wanted the Selectmen to know of all these facts. Mr. Lannan asked if the level of the water will decrease to the safe elevation of 197.38. Mr. Brown said the site can be marked, and he would be willing to follow this level. Mr. Lannan then asked if the Town Engineer or an engineer from the Dana Perkins Company could do this. Mr. Brown asked that he be notified of the location of the mark. Mr. Lannan then suggested that the Town Engineer could police the area with periodic inspections to determine the safety. Then Mr. Philip J. Doyle of 9 Jonathan Lane asked what is wrong with the water level now. Atty. DeBenedictis replied that if the water goes beyond a certain level, problems result with subsequent dangers and damage. He said he had an engineer present who could explain these dangers. Mr. Stanley F. Janko, of 21 Cathy Road, spoke and inquired about the past and present problems. Then Mr. Donald A. George spoke and displayed a sketch which described the problems. He stated that the town should not have accepted title to the land and pond area, because the plan is ill coneived, and there is a definite hazard to children. He said there has been poor construction of the dam itself, and he suggested that the town do certain work and make needed improvements. He suggested that a pipe be extended, and that an adequate headwall be constructed with a steel grate. He said there are public safety factors which are important here and the restricted flow of the water is wrong. He explained that the area behind the homes is seeping water, and there is possible damage to town property. He explained some further needs and emphasized that there is need to protect the children. Mr. Brown stated that surface water is also a problem here. Then Mr. Victor A. DeMarines of 14 Crabapple Lane spoke and stated that it was his opinion that Mr. Brown is responsible and he cited presence of debris in area, and then pictures were shown of the area and existing conditions. Mr. Philip J. Doyle asked that the officials try to be fair in analyzing this problem. Mr. Lannan then asked what procedures should be followed. He directed this question to the Town Counsel. Mr. McCarthy replied that the board should now have the Town Engineer establish and mark the proper height and level for the water, then decide on other aspects of the case; some of which are not of the proceedings at the present time. Mr. George, the Engineer, commented that the town should dtermine the next steps to be taken, and Mr. Bennett should be relieved of the problems and dangers. Mr. Hart asked if Mr. George would present his recommendations to the board and Mr. George said he would do this. He also explained that all the recommendations are contained in a letter presented to the board this evening. He then said it was incumbent upon the Selectmen to act to relieve these dangers. Mr. Doody then spoke and outlined the discussions in brief and he felt some of the serious problems can be resolved. Mr. Humphrey commented that if the town assumes responsibility, there will be no problem. Mr. Hart commented that it was his opinion that the town has a responsiblity here, for the upkeep of the right-of-way or easement, and the state has set the level of the water, and the town should not assist. Atty. DeBenedicts then expressed his appreciation for the willingness of the board to help in this situation. Mr. Markham stated that he felt the town should pick up some reponsiblity here, and he regretted that the subject had gone this far and the Town Engineer should now assist. A question was then asked if the Town Engineer had been requested to look into this matter and Mr. Thomas Morris, Director of the Health Department, replied that he did approach the Town Engineer sometime ago and he did not want to work on this subject. Mr. Lannan asked why it had taken so long to reach this point in settling the problem. Mr. Morris stated that he had worked for a long while on the subject and had gone from one state agency to another. Mr. Lannan then agreed to confer with the Town Engineer on Feb. 15th, 1972, to start the work of investigation, and making needed recommendations and changes. Then Mr. Markham moved that the board obtain a report from the Town Engineer, on this subject, and to receive his recommendations of what should be done to alleviate the problems, and that the report be signed by the Town Engineer. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Hart asked that the motion be amended to include a requirement that periodic inspections be made by the Town Engineer, and the Director of the Board of Health, as a safety precaution. Mr. Markham agreed to have the motion amended to include this stipulation. Then Mr. Janko asked if the board would be willing to make the report public. Mr. Lannan agreed, and the board members concurred, that information would be made public. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion previously presented. A unanimous vote followed. A resident of Crabapple Lane asked if the town would take steps to improve the area at the turn-around, where loaming and seeding is needed. He stated that present conditions are extremely poor. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with the Acting Supt. of Streets about this subject.

Conference held with residents, attorneys, engineer regarding problems at Lupien's Pond.

Selectmen vote to have Town Engineer inspect area and make recommendations.

Conference re: Lupien's Pond is concluded.

Mr. Brown then inquired if the civil problems will now end and Atty. McCarthy stated he would like to think they would. Atty. DeBenedictis stated that he now felt the town would act and he asked if he and his engineer could be provided with a copy of the Town Engineer's Report. Then Atty. McCarthy conferred with the Selectmen; and after doing so, stated it was too early to say wheterh we can release the information, and this would be determined later. Then the conference ended.

Pole Location Hearing held.

At 8:00 P.M. a hearing was conducted on the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. for one pole location on Varney Avenue, C-1169, dated 1/20/72 for purpose of street lighting. Mr. John Crane was present, representing the utility company, and explained that the Selectmen had earlier requested a street light on this street and a new pole is needed. No abutters were present to object. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition and it was signed by all members.

Hearing held for two pole locations.

At 8:15 P.M. a hearing was conducted on the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 2 Joint Pole Locations on Delmore Drive, C-1162, dated 1/3/72, to serve Anthony Visniewski. Mr. John Crane of the Mass.Elec. Co. was present to explain that the petition relates to need for new service, and new poles must be installed. No abutters appeared to object to this petition. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition and it was then signed by all members.

Minutes approved and accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of a special meeting held on Jan. 29th, 1972 and a regular meeting held on Jan. 31st, 1972.

Postponement of action on minutes of last meeting.

It was decided to postpone action on minutes of meeting of Feb. 7th, 1972 to allow the members additional time to read the material.

Discussion held with Sewer Commissioners regarding article for Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

A conference then followed with members of the Sewer Commission, Matthew J. Doyle, Jr. and Joseph M. Gutwein, to discuss articles for the Annual Town Meeting relating to the Sewer Studies. Also present were Mr. Edward H. Hilliard, and Mr. Richard B. Codling. Mr. Doyle stated that he and Mr. Gutwein had reviewed the article presented by the Sewer Study Group and they felt the subject matter, as presented, appears not to be acceptable to them, and they felt the article is not complete. Mr. Lannan asked that the two groups work together, and he also stated that he had conferred with Mr. James J. McKeown, Chairman, and Mr. McKeown had reported that he had no objections to the article, as written., and he felt the Sewer Commission should not sponser the article. Mr. Gutwein stated that he felt some minor changes in the wording were needed and he gave his recommendations. He also stated that the Sewer Commission should appoint the engineering consultant. Then, after some further discussion, Mr. Humphrey moved that the article, as presented, be accepted and it be identified as Article #43A for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, from Mr. Hilliard. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Humphrey stated he thought the choice should now be left to the voters. Mr. Doyle then suggested that Article #43 be dropped from the Warrant. A discussion followed and a decision was reached to allow the voters to decide which article they favored. Mr. Lannan then called for a vote and all the members voted in the affirmative.

Hearing conducted on future of Liquor License for Paramount Lounge Corporation.

At 8:30 P.M. a hearing was conducted by the board to determine a future course of action insofar as the granting of an All Alcoholic, Common Victualer License for the Paramount Lounge Corporation, Hugh Joseph Willis, Manager, at 40 Vinal Square. Mr. Lannan read several documents pertaining to the case, since a recent communication had been received from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission stating that the corporation had not filed documents at the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth's Office, and thus ABC approval could not be given. It was noted that none of the principals, including Mr. Willis, was not present, although he had been personally served with a formal written notice of this hearing. Mr. Lannan also read a letter from the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in which they indicated they hoped to put the premises to a similar use sometime in the future and to ask the board's assistance in this matter, when a suitable applicant is available. Mr. Lannan asked if the board wishes to taken any action on this subject. Mr. Doody stated that there is no indication here that the applicant has further interest to pursue the matter. Then Mr. Doody moved to rescind the action taken on Feb. 22nd, 1971 to grant such a license to the Paramount Lounge Corporation and to cite specific reasons for this action as follows:

1. That the seven stipulations and conditions set forth by the board concerning the premises have not been fulfilled, per letter of 2/25/71.
2. That the Mass. ABC agency has not approved the license since the corporation has not filed required documents with the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth.
3. That the Manager of the corporation has not responded to inquiries of the board over the past few months, and there has been a complete lack of communication by the Manager with the Selectmen since 10/14/71, and there has been no willingness since that date to inform the board of the status of the plans of the corporation.

Then Mr. Markham asked if a deadline date had been set for the completion of the work at the premises and he was informed no date had been set. He also asked that the conditions of the board be read and this was done by Mr. Lannan, who then stated the conditions have never been fulfilled. Then Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and Mr. Lannan called for a vote. Those voting in favor included Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Lannan. Mr. Markham indicated he was oppoed to the motion and stated he would would in opposition. Thus the vote carried by majority.

Selectmen vote to rescind action of 2/21/71 re: Liquor License.

A report was received from the Town Counsel regarding the personal property damage claim of Stephen J. Wallach, of 4 Thornton Lane, in amount of $145.12. The Town Counsel indicated that no voluntary payment should be made, and Mr. Wallach should be required to prove his case. Atty. McCarthy, who was present at the meeting when the communication was read, stated he would so notify the claimant of his decision.

Claim for Personal Property Damage not approved.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the hours for sale of alcoholic beverages for Feb. 21st, 1972, Washington's Birthday, a Legal Holiday, as set forth by ABC Press Release.

Hours for Holiday Sale of alcoholic beverages approved.

Various letters and reports were received and read from the Planner for the Highway Department, and the Subregion Intertown Liason Committee for purposes of improving Transporation, and subsequent meetings planned. The reports were placed on file.

Reports read and filed.

It was decided to forward an invitation to Mr. Joseph P. Hannon of the Northern Middlesex Area Commission to attend the conference on Capital Budgeting & Planning scheduled for Wednesday, February 16th, 1972.

Director of NMAC invited to Capital Budgeting Meeting.

A letter was received from Mrs. Jan Goldman of 7 Nadine Road, calling attention to the advisability of considering the elimination of use of Road Salt on Highways due to possible damage to the environment. It was decided to forward this material to the Board of Health and the four Water Districts.

Request received to not use Road Salt.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to nominate Dr. Martin A. Gruber, as Animal Inspector.

Animal Inspector Nominated.

A letter of resignation was received from Mr. Eliot W. Remick as a member of the Historical Commission. The members accepted the resignation. It was decided not to take any action to fill the vacancy at this time, and to hold the subject for consideration later when Annual Appointments are made. It was decided to forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. Remick.

Member of Historical Commission resigns.

A request was received in writing from Mr. Richard Eng, of the Hong & Kong Restaurant for permission to conduct a New Year's Religious Chinese Custon Tiger Dance and a fire cracker hanging on Sunday, February 27th, 1972, at 3:00 P.M. It was decided to request the Police and Fire Chiefs to study the proposal and then submit their recommendations insofar as traffic and public safety factors are concerned, after which a final decision would be made.

Request received for holding of New Year's Celebration at Chinese Restaurant.

Request rec'd. for change in Auto Dealer License.

A letter was received from Mr. George E. Gagnon, Jr., d/b/a Town Line Motors, on Middlesex Street, in which he requested that the board consider a change in his Class II, Auto Dealer License from a fifteen-car restricted license to an unlimited car license. It was decided to invite Mr. Gagnon to meet with the board on Monday evening, Feb. 28th, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. at which time he could expand on the details of this request.

Meeting schedule for March 1972 adopted.

The board then approved the meeting schedule for the month of March 1972. It was decided to hold meetings on Tuesday, March 7th, Tuesday, March 14th, Wednesday, March 22nd, and Tuesday, March 28th.

Permission granted for conducting Work. Comp. Insurance Survey.

A letter was received from Mr. Robert E. Picken, of Picken Insurance Company, to ask if the board would consider having a Workmen's Compensation Insurance Survey made for the purpose of determining if a lower premium charge might be possible. The Selectmen approved the request with the understanding that the work of the town departments would not be disrupted. The board further asked that an inquiry be forwarded to Mr. Picken to learn what the survey would entail, and to ask him to furnish the board with an outline of items to be investigated.

Decision received from state DPW relating to restriction of heavy commercial trucking on North Road. Board makes plans to appeal state decision.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter which had been received from the state Department of Public Works, Traffic Division, which stated that, after an investigation by the agency, the request of the Selectmen sometime ago to restrict the use of heavy commercial trucking on North Road could not be recommended and various reasons were cited, such a difficulty to sign the route approaches, and that the restriction would impose undue hardship on the truckers inasmuch as they would be obliged to travel additional mileage. Mr. Lannan stated that after the report had been received he had contacted the state agency as he was most upset and distressed with this decision. He stated he felt the feelings of the residents of areas along North Road had not been sufficiently considered, and that the undue hardship on the neighbors should be considered more than the hardship on the truckers. Mr. Lannan stated that he felt now a request should be sent to the state DPW to reconsider and re-study the subject for various reasons, and he indicated that if the board could present additional data about the subject, the state would be willing to further study the new facts. Mr. Lannan urged the board to support a plan to pursue the issue, and if necessary, later a conference could be held with the Commissioner, Bruce Campbell. Mr. Doody then spoke and commented that the state should control this route in a manner that would not be harmful to the residents. Mr. Doody questioned the amount of time the truckers save by using this route inasmuch as they must shift gears several times, slow down at intersections, and by traveling along a narrower and curving road, must reduce their speeds, whereas the speed used on Route 3 and Route 495 would be much greater and safer. He suggested that the board now apply for a partial restricted plan, to not allow heavy trucking between Route 3 and Route 495 and vice versa. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board enlist the help of Senator MacKenzie and Representative Freeman. Mr. Markham asked that the board continue to pursue the subject and he suggested the board seek a restriction over longer hours, as a public safety measure, due to number of pedestrians, school children and school buses that use this route. Mr. Lannan also commented about the location of the town High School along this route and this is a factor that certainly should be considered. Mr. Hart concurred with the suggestions made. It was agreed then to have a suitable letter prepared to mention these new facts and to seek reconsideration.

A letter was received from the Personnel Board relating to the recommendations made for salaries of Town Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector, and the board would continue to recommend figures which had been submitted earlier. The letter also indicated that survey of data for salaries paid for these positions in other towns would be forthcoming. Mr. Doody commented that he was pleased the information would be sent to the board and such data would undoubtedly be helpful and informative. Mr. Humphrey stated that these two positions should now be held by two persons, due to volume of the work and the size of the community, and he commented that this is a public statement. Mr. Markham stated he would trust that the townspeople will elect two persons to serve in these positions.

Personnel Board to forward survey data re: salaries of Town Clerks and Treas. & Tax Coll.

A letter was received from Mrs. Edna Simonian, of 198 Proctor Road, in which she requested that the board consider the installation of two "Slow - Children" signs on Proctor Road, as a public safety precaution. It was decided to forward the subject to the Police Department for a survey and recommendations.

Request received for traffic safety signs.

A letter was received from the director of the Highland School Ecology Program in which a request was made that the board forward material to the school relating to town and state by-laws and statutes pertaining to the regulation of outdoor billboards. It was decided to have the Adm. Assist. prepare information from both town and state files, so that the school will obtain complete data on this subject.

School project to be furnished data on billboard regulation

It was decided to forward a request to Mrs. Anne Kaplain, Executive Director of the Mental Health Assn. of Greater Lowell, Inc., to ask for all pertinent data pertaining to the work of the association, so that the board will have all facts available when the subject comes before the voters at the Annual Town Meeting, as an appropriation will be requested, to assist the association for its work in helping local citizens, and to learn what other communities nearby are contributing.

Information and data requested from Mental Health Assn.

The board then discussed the subject of new legislation which is now being considered to allow voters at a town meeting to have some control over new and increased school expenditures and if a four-fifths vote is obtained, the will of the voters would become final. Mr. Lannan asked if the members would like to take any action on this subject. Mr. Doody stated that he had carefully thought about the subject and had concluded that it is a good bill and he would support it. Mr. Humphrey stated he would favor any bill to control the autonomy of the School Committee. Mr. Hart indicated he would favor such a bill. Mr. Markham stated he could not support this bill, described as House Bill 963, "An Act further regulating the support of schools in towns." It was finally decided to send letters to the state senator and representative to inform them that the majority of the board members do favor and support this bill and to enlist their support.

Majority of board members approve legislation for control of school department appropriations.

Mr. Doody then reminded the board that the scheduled Capital Budgeting & Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. at the High School, and that he had received material about this subject from the Town Accountant, such as a chart of the Bonded Debt Payments, and he expected that more data would be available at the meeting. He stated that the objective here should be a careful control and monitoring of Capital Planning.

Discussion re: scheduled Capital Budgeting and Planning Meeting.

Lighting Committee permitted to engage services of Engineer, Planner and Draftsman.

Mr. Hart stated that work was now underway for the survey of Lighting for Playgrounds and the committee now needed the assistance of the Town Engineer, the Planner and Map Draftsman of the Highway Department, and with the board's approval he would contact each of these persons for help. The Selectmen approved the request. Mr. Hart stated further that the committee now wants to put together a proposal of the needs and costs and the help of these employees is needed.

Discussion held re: funding of Crystal Lake Restoration. Inquiry to be sent to state representative re: new legislation filed.

Mr. Hart then spoke about the Capital Budgeting Report from the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee, and he ineciated that at this time certain definite data as to costs and methods of financing was just not available and some of this lack of information is due to unknown factors, such as the questions of funding from the state. He commented that currently the Attorney General is studying the legality of reimbursements to the town under the first bill, and information has been published in the newspapers that a new bill has been filed by the State Representative in the event the town cannot benefit under the first bill, but little is know about the second bill. Mr. Hart suggested that perhaps a study of other proposals should now be made, as the townspeople may have definite wishes in this matter, to restore the lake, and they might even be willing to finance certain costs. Mr. Lannan spoke on the work he has done in this matter and he explained that he had contacted Representative Morse and they are exploring the possibility of federal funding, and other state funding and he expected that a package report would come to the Selectmen very soon. Mr. Hart stated that the townspeople may want to work townard certain goals in this matter and perhaps later a proposal should be presented to them. Mr. Humphrey stated that it now appears the first bill is in limbo, and Act 2 will commence now with consideration of new legislation. Mr. Hart reminded the board that everyone had been told earlier that the first state bill was a good one, and there was no need for filing a second bill. Now, he said, we find a second bill is under consideration. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board send an inquiry to Representative Freeman to request information about the second bill, and to also ask for answers to questions sent to him earlier this year, and which still remain unanswered. All members of the board concurred with this suggestion and course of action.

Election Officers Appointed.

The board approved the appointments of Election Officers, as follows:

1. As Temporary Warden, for Prec. 6: Sabina J. Hansbury,
2. As Temporary Deputy Warden for Prec. 6: Marion True.
   (Both terms to expire: 3/7/72.)
3. As Inspector for Prec. 10: Cynthia Ryder, (Term exp: 8/1972)

Meeting adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:45 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, February 22nd, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Humphrey was unable to be present due to changes in his work schedule. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows;
1. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun. He arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly. She arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Jerry House, of the Chelmsford Sentinel. He arrived at 7:25 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 11:10 P.M.

Reporters present.

A request was received from the Chelmsford Scholarship Fund Committee for an appointment for holding a ceremony for a proclamation signing on Monday evening, February 28th, 1972. The board agreed to schedule the ceremony at 7:30 P.M.

Ceremony planned for proclamation signing.

It was also decided to conduct a ceremony for signing of a proclamation for the Community Services Bureau on Feb. 28th, 1972 at 7:15 P.M. The request was made by Mr. Richard H. Wachsman of 7 Sandra Drive.

Ceremony planned for Proclamation signing.

The Selectmen then appointed the following-named persons to serve as Election Officers:

For Precinct 9: (All Temporary Appointments to expire 3/7/72 to fill vacancies:
As Inspector: Frances E. Preston, 1 Empire Street,
As Dep. Inspector: Marylin West, 24 Samuel Road,
As Inspector: George Marchand, Jr., 75 Park Road.
For Precinct 12: (All Permanent Appointments to expire: 8/15/72 to staff new precnt
As Warden: Mary Lou Muller, 23 Longmeadow Road,
As Dep. Warden: Natalie G. McDermott, 10 Abbott Lane,
As Clerk: Thelma J. Calawa, 6 Abbott Lane,
As Dep. Clerk: Doris L. Connolly, 29 Longmeadow Road.

Election Officers Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to approve and accept the minutes of a Special Meeting held on Feb. 5th, 1972, and a regular meeting held on February 7th, 1972.

Minutes approved and accepted.

It was decided to take no action at this time on the minutes of the last regular meeting held Feb. 14th, 1972, to allow the members additional time to read the material.

Acceptance of minutes postponed.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority present to rescind the action taken on Feb. 14th, 1972 to nominate Dr. Martin Gruber as Animal Inspector. This action was taken inasmuch as the law requires such nomination to be made during March of each year.

Previous nomination of Animal Inspector rescinded.

A letter was received from Mrs. Marilyn H. Carey, of 3 Queen Street, in which she called attention to the fact that a dangerous condition now exists at a certain location on Mill Road, where rocks fall onto the roadway from a banking. Mr. Lannan reported that he contacted the Building Inspector upon receipt of this letter, and Mr. McHugh was asked to contact the owner of the land involved to determine what safeguards can be taken to protect the public, and that the board is presently awaiting a reply to learn what had been done.

Resident calls attention to dangerous condition on Mill Road.

A letter was received from Mr. Francis X. Colleton, Coordinator for the Governor's Highway Safety Program, in which he requested that forms enclosed should be forwarded to the Police Department for completion. The forms related to the AAA Pedestrian Safety Check for Chelmsford. It was decided to submit the material to the Police Department and request that the Traffic Safety Officer complete the forms and return them to the AAA.

Reports to be completed for AAA regarding Pedestrian Safety Data.

A letter of resignation was received from Atty. Herbert Pitta, Jr., a Member of the Industrial Development Commission. The board accepted the resignation with regret and requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Pitta.

Member of Ind. Dev. Com. resigns

Community Action Advisory Committee requests use of old West Fire Station Building, for Head Start Program.

A letter was received from the Community Action Advisory Committee in which a request was made that permission be granted to the group for the use of the old West Chelmsford Fire Station as a Head Start Center. It was decided to inform the committee that the board had previously granted permission to the Recreation Commission for the storage of recreational equipment at this building and it was essential that the Recreation Commission be allowed this use as there is now much equipment that must be stored. Mr. Lannan then informed the board that help had been extended to the Community Action group inasmuch as positions had been established under the EEA program. Mr. Markham asked that the Community Action Committee be informed that there exists virtually no heating facilities at this building and it would need extensive alterations if put to use by the Head Start Program. Mr. Markham further suggested that the Committee contact the School Department to determine if there might possibly be some additional facilities available within the school system.

Letter received from state Representative re: Police and Fire Chiefs Salary Bill.

A letter was received from Rep. Bruce N. Freeman regarding the Police and Fire Chiefs Salary Bill which is presently before the state legislature for final approval. Rep. Freeman indicated that he had not favored the bill, and stated he did attempt to learn the comments of the Selectmen some months ago. Mr. Markham asked that the records show that the letter from the Representative was received in the Selectmen's Office on Oct. 8th, 1971, and that action in the legislature took place on Oct. 12th, 1971, and that there was no scheduled meeting of the Selectmen between these dates, at which time the matter could be discussed with all members present, and therefore not sufficient time was given the Selectmen to consider the subject.

Request received to correct drainage problem.

A letter was received from Mr. Thomas A. Shealy, of 8 Housatonic Avenue, in which he asked for assistance to correct a serious drainage problem. Mr. Lannan reported that the subject had already been referred to the Building Inspector and Acting Supt. of Streets, and that a reply would soon be received to inform the board of corrective action to be taken.

Notice received that Union for Police Department Employees now desire to negotiate a Labor Contract.

Chairman named as Representative of Selectmen on Police Dept. Negotiations.

A letter was received from officers of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers in which information was given that the Union was now ready to confer with the Selectmen in order to reach an agreement for a Labor Contract for employees of the Police Department. Mr. Lannan asked if the board would, at this time, care to name a negotiator to represent the Selectmen. Mr. Doody spoke and explained past background information leading to the negotiations underway for the Fire and Highway Department Employees and he asked if Mr. Lannan, would accept the assignment of Negotiator for a Police Department Labor Contract. Mr. Lannan stated that he would accept this work. Mr. Lannan asked that the Police Chief be notified that he would be a member of the Negotiating Team, and that a letter be sent to the Personnel Board to ask that they name a representative to serve on this team. Mr. Lannan stated he would confer within a day or so, with the Police Chief to set up a date for the first meeting of the two groups. Then a short conference was held with Mr. Peter J. McHugh, Chairman of the Personnel Board, who arrived at the Selectmen's Office, as this discussion was being held. Mr. McHugh was asked if he would serve on this Labor Negotiation Team and Mr. McHugh accepted as the representative from the Personnel Board. Mr. Lannan then asked for the board's permission to engage the services of the Town Counsel, as needed, in these matters. Mr. Doody stated he would prefer that a Labor Relations Advisor be used, but if such an appointee is not available, that the Town Counsel should be made available. Mr. Doody stated that already there are several questions which have developed in the Fire Dept. Labor Negotiations where advice is needed; such as matters pertaining to the Phase II, Wage and Price Regulations. Mr. Doody asked that the work of the Town Counsel, for Labor Negotiation Advice, be kept separate from that of the regular legal work, so that all costs for these services would be known. The board members concurred with these suggestions. (Further discussion on this subject was held later in the evening. See sections under "New Business" toward conclusion of the minutes of this meeting.

Salary Survey Received.

A report of a survey was received from the Personnel Board regarding salaries paid in other comparable communities for Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector positions.

At 8:00 P.M. the board met with state Senator Ronald C. MacKenzie and the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Mr. Charles A. House. The subject of discussion centered on the amount of state receipts which the town might receive after the revaluation of town property goes into effect. Mr. Lannan spoke of the problems that the town of Burlington had encountered with a loss of state revenue and he expressed the hope that this would not occur in Chelmsford. Mr. Lannan asked about the bill which the senator had filed in the legislature to assist towns, such as Chelmsford, after complying with the 100% assessment regulation. Senator MacKenzie stated that Chelmsford could experience some substantial changes in state receipts as its valuation has been, on the average, at about 32% of assessment. He said that, at first, it was thought that court action would be the best way to overcome these financial problems, but later it was thought the new legislation would be the best route to follow, and a bill was designed to place a penalty upon those communities who do not go to 100% valuation. He said this was a late filed bill and hearings would be held soon. He said there is an imbalance situation and all the towns should do things the same way. He said that it had been suggested that the subject be resolved administratively through the state Dept. of Corporations & Taxation but this has not happened. He explained that under the bill cities may be penalized and the law would force communities to act due to the penalty clause. Mr. Lannan commented that he had learned from an official of Burlington that approximately $550,000. was lost to the town in state revenue. Based on similar percentages, Mr. Lannan stated Chelmsford might lose as much as $1,500,000. Senator MacKenzie confirmed the fact that funds had been reduced to certain communities from the state education funds. He said it was too early to tell the outcome of the bill which he had filed. He suggested that the town, before going much further with their Revaluation Program, might wish to confer with the state Tax Commissioner to learn first hand what might occur this year insofar as state eduction funds are concerned. Senator MacKenzie offered to help in anyway that the board wished. He said perhaps the Town of Chelmsford will want to hold back with the Revaluation Plan. He also stated that perhaps about 20% of the communities have now gone to the 100% assessment plan. Then copies of the new legislation, as proposed by the Senator, were passed around to those present. Mr. Doody commented that possibly the town would like to consider a delay in this program as a considerable loss to the towh might occur. Mr. Edward H. Hilliard, who was present at the conference as a visitor, explained that much information and figures had been taken to the state officials by members of the Chelmsford Taxpayers Assn. and later by the Revaluation Study Committee and they had learned that any such loss of state funds would be minimal, and he suggested that further conferences now be held in Boston. Mr. House commented that historical records show that the cities and towns have lost state funds when they change to 100% valuation. A suggestion was then made that perhaps the Revaluation Study Committee should now be re-activated to study this serious question. Mr. Doody expressed the thought that a need now exists to study the subject of possible loss of state revenue and the town should do something to avoid this happening in Chelmsford (At about this time, the conference was interrupted to open Sealed Bids for the purchase of Police and Fire Department Equipment; data of which is listed further along in this report.) Then Mr. Doody moved to reconstitute the Revaluation Study Committee to look into this subject and see what is happening and to minimize the loss, and seek out alternatives, if necessary. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. House if he would assist with this work and Mr. House agreed to do so. Senator MacKenzie offered also to assist and meet with the committee. Mr. Markham asked if the committee should report back to the Selectmen and Mr. Doody agreed that this should be done, and be included in the motion. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion and all members present voted in the affirmative.

Conference held with Senator MacKenzie and Chairman of Board of Assessors to discuss possible loss of state school aid revenues if Revaluation Plans go into effect.

Selectmen vote to reconstitute Revaluation Study Committee.

At 8:30 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for the Purchase of Five (5) New 1972 Four-Door Sedans for use by the Police Department. Those present included Chief Robert E. Germann, and Purchasing Officer, Robert E. Olsen, and two bidders, Mr. Peter D. Hallissy and Mr. John F. Craig. Two bids were received as follows:

Bids opened for Purchase of Police Cruisers.

Bids opened and taken under advisement for Purchase of Police Cruisers.

1. Peter Hallissy Chevrolet, Inc., 40 Chelmsford St: $9,968.00 and Alternate Bid of $9,584.00 to use a 400 cubic inch engine.
2. Manzi Dodge, Inc., 736 Broadway, Lowell: $11,246.00

It was decided to take the bids under advisement and the Police Chief and Purchasing Officer should now study the bids and determine if they meet the specifications, and then to make recommendations to the Selectmen.

Bids opened and taken under advisement for purchase of vehicle for the Fire Department.

At 8:45 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for the Purchase of One (1) 1972 Pickup Truck with 3/4 Ton rate, with a snow plow for the Fire Department. Those present were Purchasing Officer Robert E. Olsen, and Peter D. Hallissy and a representative from the Charles Demers, Inc., company. Two bids were received as follows:
1. Peter Hallissy Chevrolet, Inc., 40 Chelmsford St. $3,988.00
2. Charles Demers, Inc., 240 Main St., Nashua, N.H. $5,150.00

It was decided to take the bids under advisement and the Fire Chief and Purchasing Officer should now study the bids and determine if they meet the specifications, and then to make recommendations to the Selectmen.

Conference continues with Senator MacKenzie re: various subjects.

The conference with Senator MacKenzie continued and several other subjects were then discussed. First the subject of restriction of heavy commercial traffic on North Road was mentioned and the board informed the Senator that they were now appealing the ruling received recently. The Senator stated that he understood the subject had been reopened by the state DPW, and he stated he felt some favorable action will now be forthcoming. Mr. Markham questioned Senator MacKenzie on the subject of the new 65% law for reimbursement to communities for school construction, but the Senator reminded the board that that this bill calls for reimbursement only if the funds are available. Mr. Markham also asked that the Senator keep the board informed about the bill which would eliminate the 15% to towns in regional districts, and the Senator stated he doubted if this bill would pass as most towns are connected with regional districts. The subject of House Bill #53 for payment of 50% of the costs of a Charter Commission Study was also discussed and the Senator stated he doubted if it would pass as the costs are unknown. Then the board thanked the Senator for conferring with them about so many subjects of interest and importance to the town.

Permission granted for the use of an Outdoor Loudspeaker.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to grant permission for the use of an outdoor loudspeaker in a motorcade to promote the candidacy of William R. Murphy on Saturday, March 4th, 1972, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. The request was received in the form of a letter from Mr. Wilfrid Houde of 5 Jonathan Lane.

Public Hearing to be held by DPU for fence installation along Railroad Property.

A notice was received from the state Department of Public Utilities that a Public Hearing would be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 1972, at 10:00 A.M. in Boston on the application of the Board of Selectmen of Chelmsford for the installation of a fence along the property of the Penn Central Railroad Company adjacent to the Byam School. It was decided to hold this notice aside to remind the board of the hearing and the action which the board might plan to take.

Permission granted to hold Chinese New Year's Celebration.

Reports were received from the Police and Fire Chiefs regarding their study and recommendations concerning the application of Mr. Richard Eng, of the Hong & Kong Restaurant, at 32 Alpine Lane, for holding of a Chinese New Year's Religious Celebration. Both reports stated that there appeared to be no objections to these plans and certain precautions would be exercised by both departments. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to grant permission to Mr. Eng to conduct the celebration, as planned and outlined, and based on the reports of the Police and Fire Chiefs, and with the understanding that no violations of state and town laws will occur.

Reminder read re: Conservation Commission Hearing.

Mr. Lannan stated that a request had come from the Chairman of the Conservation Commission to see if members of the Board of Selectmen might be able to attend the hearing of Chelmex Realtry Trust, for Hatch Act Variance, scheduled for Thursday evening, February 24th, 1972 at 8:30 P.M. No final decision was made but several members indicated they did have prior commitments for that evening.

A letter was received from the Police Chief in which certain suggestions were made to improve traffic safety conditions at North Road and Parkhurst Road. A suggested was made that parking be restricted for a distance of 150 feet along Parkhurst Road from North Road. Mr. Lannan commented that this area is one which is poorly lighted and that a survey of lighting improvements should be planned, and he suggested that the new Planning Department keep this subject as a priority item under the Topics Program, when the same is discussed with state DPW personnel. It was finally decided to have the Police Dept. and members of the Planning Department work together on this subject to find the best solution. It was explained in the letter from the Police Department that problems had resulted since a church had been established near this intersection, and there was considerable traffic and parking. Mr. Markham suggested that the church group be contacted to see what they would recommend, and he called attention to the fact that it might be advisable to have no parking restrictions on North Road. It was finally agreed to have the Police Dept. and Planner for the Highway Dept. work together on this project, and the final detailed description for amending the Traffic Regulations should then be submitted.

Police Dept. submits recommendations for "No Parking" along section of Parkhurst Road.

Mr. Lannan then read correspondence between the Fire Chief and the Selectmen and the Selectmen and the business manager of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. in Lowell concerning problems of communication between town residents and the Fire Department, and the serious implications that could result in the event that an emergency did occur. Mr. Lannan read the most recent reply from Mr. Robert Page, local manager, of the utility company, in which information was given that an immediate investigation had been made, upon receipt of the board's letter, and a study of the problem followed, and that present conditions indicated that problems, which might have existed, now appeared to be corrected. Mr. Markham stated that he felt it was unfortunate that the board did not write to the company sooner, and he felt further the subject should not be closed at this time. He explained that he had experienced difficulty lately as there are area problems. He cited the case of persons in Chelmsford in the 256 and 251 exchanges who have problems calling into the 45 area, and he called attention to the fact that many of the emergency services for our local citizens, such as ambulance service, doctors, nurses, and hospitals, are all located in Lowell, and when communication services break down, serious problems can result. Mr. Lannan explained that within hours of receipt of the first information about this matter from the Fire Chief, the subject was discussed personally with Mr. Page, so that no time would be lost. Mr. Lannan further commented that there appear to be communication problems throughout Massachusetts and the problems are widespread. Mr. Hart commented that the letter received from Mr. Page only refers to the problems of the Fire Dept. and other aspects mentioned in the letter, have not be answered. Mr. Markham asked that another letter now be sent to the NET&TCo. to draw their attention to these other serious problems. The board agreed that this should be done.

Correspondence read and discussion held regarding local telephone service and the need for complete study to improve service.

A letter was received from the Building Inspector, Mr. Peter J. McHugh, Jr., in which he requested that permission be granted to him to confer with the Town Counsel to obtain legal advice concerning the Town By-Law relating to signs. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to grant this request.

Building Inspector seeks legal advice from the Town Counsel.

A report was received from the Police Department in which a recommendation was made for the installation of two "Children-Slow" signs along Proctor Road The original request was received from Mrs. Edna Semonian of 198 Proctor Road. The Selectmen approved the request and asked that the Highway Dept. be instructed to prepare and install the signs. It was also decided to so notify the petitioner of the action taken by the board.

Traffic safety signs approved for Proctor Road.

A letter was received from Mr. Eustace B. Fiske, Treasurer of the Insurance Sinking Fund, in which he explained that the Fund could be used for coverage of losses to the Recreation Equipment now being stored in the old West Fire Station. It was decided to so notify the Recreation Commission that coverage would be available, up to the total amount of the fund assets.

Insurance Fund Commission approves plan to insure equipment.

Discussion follows regarding the advisability of making use of the Belvidere School, now closed, for future municipal uses.

A letter was received from Mr. Bradford O. Emerson, Realtor, stating that the School Department officials had decided they would not consider the use of the Belvidere School, for various reasons, and the facilities would thus be available to the town for other municipal uses, and the Selectmen might now wish to consider the matter. Mr. Lannan stated that perhaps the subject should be carefully considered by a special committee, and he cited the fact that the present Center Town Hall facilities were overcrowded. Mr. Doody concurred and suggested the board obtain detailed information about the Belvidere school so that the question can be studied. Mr. Lannan asked if the past members of the Town Hall Site Committee be asked to serve, and he stated he felt the town should seriously consider this opportunity. Mr. Hart stated he believed the board should have professional building advice, and that the Belvidere school does offer great potential. Mr. Markham asked that the board first establish a priority of needs for long range planning, and he stated that he felt that such a need does not exist now. Mr. Markham asked that the board consider an economy more by living with what we have, and that our needs should definitely be known first. Mr. Hart stated that a Community Center had been considered and this might be a good building for such a use, and also with the overcrowded conditions at the Center Town Hall, the board should consider this fact. Mr. Lannan asked that names of nominees be presented for serving on a study committee. Mr. Doody then asked that the board approach the matter in three steps; one to obtain floor plans from Mr. Emerson of the Belvidere School; second, to send a letter to the School Committee to obtain their remarks and comments about their decision not to make use of this facility, and to ask if there are any other facts about the subject, not released through the press, which would have an important bearing on the matter, and to learn if they had a construction report with research as to present conditions, and if so, to forward same to the Selectmen within the near future, and third, to have the Planner for the Highway Department prepare a report as to the room sizes, at the Center Town Hall, with the number of persons they accomodate, in order to obtain the housing needs, and to file the report in the near future. Mr. Markham then asked if the town offices were moved to the Belvidere School, what happens to the Center Town Hall. Mr. Doody commented that perhaps the Library Needs Committee can answer this question. It was then left that requests should go out to implement the three suggestions made by Mr. Doody.

Amount of Free Cash Certified by Director of Accounts.

Information was received from the Office of the Director of Accounts that the amount of Free Cash as of December 31st, 1971 was $402,377.00.

Information from Federal Agency given to Crystal Lake Restoration Committee member.

Mr. Lannan then turned over to Mr. Paul C. Hart, certain data and reports relating to the obtaining of financial assistance for Restoration of Crystal Lake, which he had received from Federal Government Agency. He stated that he had obtained the information from the Department of Interior and procedures were explained for the obtaining of federal funds, by the filing of applications. Mr. Lannan stated that also he had been attempting to learn the status of the reimbursements to the town under the Four Million Dollar Flood Relief Bill, and he expected the information would come soon. He commented that the residents of the town must decide what to do, but cost factors are needed. Mr. Hart thanked Mr. Lannan for this material and he stated the Restoration Committee would consider this material as an alternate proposal at their meeting planned for Feb. 24th, 1972.

Report given re: Program for Summer Employment of Young People.

Mr. Lannan reported that the study being made for opportunities for a summer work program for young people is now underway and information is being compiled and a meeting is planned with representatives of the Department of Labor to see if federal funds are available. Mr. Lannan stated that Mr. Francis Doherty, Industrial Development Commission Representative, is working on this project. Mr. Doody suggested that Mr. Doherty confer with representatives of the Student Councils of the High School and Junior High School to learn identification of students who are interested in participating.

Report given re: Capital Budgeting Meeting.

Mr. Doody then gave a report of the recently held Capital Planning & Budgeting Meeting and that much material and data has been received and more reports and figures are expected from the School Committee, School Building Committee and

and Sewer Commission and that the next step would be to compile the data.

Mr. Doody then spoke of the need to use the funds set up for a Labor Relations and that it would be helpful to use the services of the Town Counsel and that professional advice is now needed to draw proper wording in a contract. A request was made that the Town Accountant be contacted to see if the appropriation for the Labor Relations Advisor can be used to pay for help and advice received from the Town Counsel. Mr. Hart stated that he now felt that a Labor Relations Advisor should be hired for future negotiations based on his own experience to date. Mr. Markham commented that perhaps the board should interview candidates and reconsider this subject as expert help may now be needed. It was decided that a copy of the minutes of a previous meeting should be examined to determine the reasons why no Labor Relations Advisor had been appointed earlier. Mr. Lannan then said, with the approval of the board, he would like to confer with the Town Counsel concerning Labor Negotiation Contract, particularly since a new contract must be negotiated for the Police Department employees, and to review past contracts and language used in same. The board approved this request of Mr. Lannan.

Discussion follows re: need for Advice for Labor Negotiations and the advisability of having Town Counsel assist.

Mr. Markham then spoke of a number of matters, described as follows:

1. That the board should consider the use of the new EEA Employee, at the Nashoba Computer Center, to assist on the Capital Budgeting Project.
2, That an effort should be made to attend the NMAC workshop for Capital Budgeting, and that the board should pursue this course of action in order to take advantage of their expertise.
3. That the towhspeople should have the opportunity to decide what to do about the Crystal Lake problem, and that an article should be prepared to retain a consulting engineer to work with the town and to seek out the services of the Federal and State Agencies, for assistance to the town, and to file an application and present a total plan with information as to the state or federal costs, and town costs. Mr. Hart explained that NMAC has offered to help in several areas, and it might be somewhat early to prepare an article and present same to the voters.
4. Questions were asked about the procedures used for the Street Acceptance Hearings and if the Acting Supt. of Streets and Engineer would attend. Mr. Markham was informed that each board member will receive a copy of the engineer's report and Mr. Rondeau and Mr. Cavanaugh did not normally attend these sessions.
5. Commendatiohs were then expressed by Mr. Markham for the excellent manner in which the Highway Department had accomplished its duties for Snow Removal, at a time when the storms were most severe. Compared to other nearby communities, the roads in Chelmsford were in excellent condition, and the Highway Department staff should be thanked for the work done. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to the Highway Department for the work done.

Numbers subjects discussed including Capital Budgeting Program, Crystal Lake Restoration, Street Acceptance Hearings and results of Snow Clearance after recent serious storms.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to adjourn at 11:10 P.M.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AH Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, February 23rd, 1972; 7:45 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Markham and Mr. Hart were present. Mr. Hart arrived at 8:45 P.M. inasmuch as he first attended a meeting of the Committee to Study Playground Lighting Needs. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

The Special Meeting was held for the purpose of holding seven Street Acceptance Hearings.

Street Hearings held

The first hearing was scheduled for 7:45 P.M. for Acceptance of Stuart Road. No persons were present to object to the acceptance. The layout was signed by the Selectmen. Mr. Markham called attention to the fact that there are presently two depressions in the surface of Stuart Road, between middle and the end of the street and this fact should be pointed out to the developer.

Layout signed for Stuart Road.

Developer of Stuart Rd. to be informed of needed repairs.

and he should be asked to assure the board that repairs and improvements will be made before the street is accepted. It was agreed that the developer, Mr. Raymond Carye, should be so informed.

Hearings held and Layouts signed for Cove Street Extension and Dawn Drive.

At 8:00 P.M. Hearings were held as follows:

1. For Cove Street Extension. Approximately three persons were present and no objections were received. The layout was then signed.
2. For Dawn Drive. Approximately six persons were present and no objections were received. The layout was then signed.

Atty. John C. Carragher, representing the developer, Cadet Corporation, was present during both of the 8:00 P.M. hearings. An inquiry was received as to when street lights might be installed and Mr. Lannan gave assurances that once the streets are accepted at the Annual Town Meeting, the survey work, and placing of order with the power company, will follow by late Spring 1972.

Hearing held and Layout signed for Essex Place.

Hearing held and Layout signed for Thomas Drive.

Hearing held and Layout signed for Windsor Street.

At 8:30 P.M. Hearings were held as follows:

1. For Essex Place. One abutter was present, as well as Atty. John C. Carragher, who represented the developer, Robert M. Hicks, Inc., Mr. Robert Geary, of 7 Essex Place was present and questioned if curbing is planned for installation along the street, as it would help to correct and control a water problem. Atty. Carragher stated that curbing is not a requirement of the Planning Board and thus no curbing is planned. No objections were received regarding this street acceptance. Mr. Markham commented about the washouts which had occurred in the past as amounts of gravel and other such material comes onto the road. He asked if the developer would give assurances to the town that corrections will be made. Atty. Carragher stated he would so inform the developer. It was finally agreed that some curbing is needed and advisable at or near the location described by Mr. Geary, to control future washouts from heavy rains. It was decided to have the Town Engineer contact Mr. Hicks to determine what changes or improvements can be made, and that written assurances should be sent to the Selectmen by the developer. The street layout was then signed.
2. For Thomas Drive. Six abutters were present, as well as Atty. John C. Carragher, who represented the developer, Robert M. Hicks, Inc. An abutter asked if work on incompleted shoulders of the road would be re-graded and re-seeded. It was stated that an $1,100.00 bond is being held by the town for contingency work such as this. It was also brought out that motorists do travel at excessive speeds on Thomas Drive. The board agreed to have a traffic survey conducted by members of the Police Department to determine what traffic safety precautions should be taken. If signs are advisable and needed, it was decided that they would be prepared and installed after the street is accepted. Questions were asked about street lighting and the procedures and timetable for installations were explained. Then Mr. Jonathan E. McLaughlin of 45 Thomas Drive, called the board's attention to the fact that cars, when entering and leaving his driveway, had experienced damages due to improper grade of the driveway, and possibly of the street in front of the driveway. Atty. Carragher asked Mr. McLaughlin to contact the developer, Mr. Hicks. It was decided also to ask the Town Engineer to investigate this problem to be certain that the street grades are proper, and if not, to receive assurances, in writing, from the developer that corrections will be made. There were no objections to the street being accepted. Then the layout was signed.
3. For Windsor Street. Two abutters were present. Also present was Atty. John C. Carragher, representing the developer, Robert M. Hicks, Inc. A question was asked if sidewalks would be installed. The plans were examined and it was found that no sidewalks had been required in the Planning Board specifications. No objections were received from those present. Then the layout was signed.

Hearing held and Layout signed for Berkeley Drive.

At 9:00 P.M. a Hearing was conducted on the acceptance of Berkeley Drive. Five abutters were present and no questions were asked. There were no objections received from those present. Then the layout was signed.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by Adm.Assist.

On February 24th, 1972 the Selectmen approved the request of Mrs. Mary E. St. Hilaire, for permission to use an Outdoor Loudspeaker in a motorcade, on Saturday, February 26th, 1972 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. for purpose of promoting her campaign for Town Clerk.

Permission granted for use of Outdoor Loudspeaker.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Selectmen, February 28th, 1972 at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Press reporters were present as follows:

1. Anne Marie Kierce, of Chelmsford Newsweekly, who arrived at 7:25 P.M.
2. Gus Webster, of the Lowell Sun, who arrived at 7:25 P.M.
3. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, who arrived at 7:25 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 11:15 P.M.

Newspaper reporters present.

It was agreed that the Highway Department should assist in the distribution of ballot boxes and voting equipment for Annual Town Election scheduled for Monday March 6th, 1972 and that the Acting Supt. of Streets, should be requested to provide the necessary help as needed.

Highway Dept. to assist on Election Day.

Approval was given for the use of the upper meeting room of the Center Town Hall by the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen on Wednesday, March 1st, 1972, between the hours of 7:30 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. for the monthly muster.

Use of Center Town Hall approved.

It was decided to reschedule a ceremony for signing of a Proclamation for the Chelmsford Community Services Bureau to Tuesday evening, March 7th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Proclamation signing ceremony rescheduled.

Notice was received from the Office of the Director of Accounts, stating that a request by the Selectmen to continue the audit of the town books would be continued to Monday, March 6th, 1972, when a new Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector will be elected, as Mrs. Charlotte P. DeWolf will retire from these positions.

Audit of town books to continue.

At 7:30 P.M. a ceremony was held for signing of a Proclamation for the Chelmsford Scholarship Fund. Several persons were present and they included Mrs. Elizabeth A. McCarthy, Mrs. M. Elizabeth Marshall, Rev. Harry A. Foster and Mr. Gerald R. Wallace. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to proclaim the month of March 1972 as Town of Chelmsford Scholarship Fund Month . Then official photographs were taken of the ceremony for newspaper publications.

Selectmen proclaim Scholarship Fund Month.

Mr. Lannan then commented on the newspaper press release in the Lowell Sun which indicated that the City of Lowell had been named one of nine "All America Cities" and he asked the board to approve the sending of letters of congratulation to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager. The board members concurred with this suggestion. It was stated that programs such as the Regional Drug Plan were responsible for Lowell receiving this award, and the board felt that the success of the Regional Plan was due partially to the participation of all the surrounding towns.

Letter of Congratulations to be sent to City of Lowell for Award rec'd.

A letter of Congratulations was signed and will be sent to Mr. Mark Bienvenu, in recognition of his receipt of an award as a state champion for recent Wrestling Competitions and that he would compete in the New England Champion Events within a few days. Mr. Lannan suggested that such a letter be prepared.

Letter of congratulations to be sent to Wrestling Champion.

Mr. Humphrey asked that the board send a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Elizabeth H. Teeven, a member of the town Board of Appeals, who recently received an award from the Jaycee-ettes as the Outstanding Young Woman Award for 1972 in Chelmsford. The members agreed that the message should be sent.

Letter of congratulations to be sent to Outstandg.woman

Minutes accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14th, 1972.

Approval of minutes delayed.

No action was taken on minutes of meeting of Feb. 22nd, 1972 to allow the members more time to read the material.

Election Officers resign.

The following-mentioned letters of resignation were received from Election Officers:
1. Ruth A. Witts, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 11.
2. Mary Lou Muller, as Warden for Precinct 12. (Appointed: 2/22/72.)

It was decided to accept both resignations and to forward a letter to Mrs. Witts thanking her for the services she has rendered to the town.

State Insurance Agency proposes changes for administering insurance plans for retired teachers.

A letter with statistical data was received from the state Group Insurance Commission suggesting that the Selectmen or voters at a town meeting take steps to adopt a plan for transfer of administering Group Insurance Coverages, for Life and Health plans, to the state; presently handled by the town Treasurer's Office, and Accounting Department, for retired teachers. Mr. Doody asked that no action be taken this evening as he desired to review the letter from the state agency, with all supporting data as to present laws covering the matter. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the proposal be forwarded to the Insurance Advisory Committee, for their study and recommendations. It was finally decided to follow the suggestion of Mr. Humphrey.

Notice of personal injuries received.

The Town Clerk forwarded a copy of a notice received from Mr. Andrew Boumil, of 3 Sherman Street, who stated he sustained personal injuries on Jan. 19th, 1972 at or near 45 Vinal Square. Notice will be sent to the Town Counsel asking him to defend the Town in this case.

Report rec'd. re: condition of railroad crossings.

A letter was received from the Acting Supt. of Streets in which he commented on present conditions of railroad crossings and that the one at Golden Cove is now not in very good condition. A notice will now be sent to the Penn Central Company to inform them of these facts.

Election Officers Appointed.

The Selectmen then approved the appointment of the following-mentioned persons as Election Officers: (For first seven terms to expire: 3/7/72.)

For Precinct 8: Elizabeth A. Smith, 90 Dunstable Road, as Temporary Inspector.
Betty L. Davis, 174 North Road, as Temporary Deputy Inspector.
For Precinct 10: Cynthia Ryder, 16 Fenwick Road, as Temporary Clerk.
Eileen M. Joyce, 17 Fenwick Road, as Temporary Deputy Clerk.
Harold J. Henkel, 45 Maple Road, as Temporary Inspector.
For Precinct 11: Pauline Pudvelis, 35 Sylvan Avenue, as Temporary Deputy Insp.
Alice M. Fielding, 37 Stedman Street, as Temporary Inspector.
For Precinct 12: Anna M. St. Germain, 34 Pine Hill Road, as Permanent Inspector
Florence B. Ludwig, 9 Hitchin'post Rd., as Permanent Inspector.

(For last two persons named, terms to expire: 8/1972.)

Additional information requested re: Bids for Gasoline Purchases.

The board then discussed plans for the calling of bids for Gasoline. Mr. Lannan suggested that the subject be delayed for a few days to allow additional information to come to the board from the Purchasing Officer, Mr. Robert E. Olsen. It had been stated earlier that savings might result if a plan could be put into effect to purchase gasoline from the holder of the state contract. It was decided to ask Mr. Olsen for a report, as quickly as possible, regarding these possible savings, so that a decision can be reached, as the present gasoline contract expires on 3/13/72.

Charter Study report received.

The Selectmen received a copy of the pamphlet concerning a Charter Study Plan for Town of Billerica and Mr. Lannan offered to prepare copies of the report for members.

Questions to be forwarded to Town Counsel re: Board of Appeals court case.

A letter was received, with supporting background information, from the Town Counsel, relating to a court case of Dale W. Carlisle et al vs the Town of Chelmsford. Mr. McCarthy indicated that the Board of Appeals should now rehear the case. Mr. Humphrey asked if the Board of Appeals would not have a choice in this matter to hold a hearing or to accept the decision of the court, and why is another hearing necessary, and is another hearing mandatory. It was decided to forward these questions to the Town Counsel. Mr. Markham asked that the Town Counsel also be instructed to further assist the Board of Appeals in this matter.

A letter was received from Mrs. Priscilla Hinckley of 50 Acton Road in which she complained about dog owned by Mr. & Mrs. George Allen, of 43 Acton Road, and that past requests to the Allen family and the Dog Officer had not resulted in improved conditions. Mr. Lannan informed the board that the Dog Officer had been notified to investigate the subject after the letter of complaint had been received and steps were being taken to obtain a chain to restrain the dog.

Letter received re: Dog Complaint.

A report was received from Mr. Thomas Fuller, of the Planning Department, in which he explained what had been accomplished for Summer Employment for young people. Mr. Lannan reported also that it had been estimated that some three hundred job opportunities would be available in Lowell and Chelmsford, but they would be filled in large number in accordance with family income levels and need, and that work was continuing in this matter to determine what will be offered in Chelmsford.

Report received and discussion held re: Summer Employment for young people.

A letter, with enclosed Option Agreement, was received from the law office of Kierce & Geary, requesting that the board consider signing the agreement, which related to the town obtaining title later to certain areas bordering the commercial development in East Chelmsford, as proposed by the Gervais family. The agreement would allow the town to own areas for municipal use, such as conservation needs. Mr. Lannan suggested that the subject be forwarded to the Town Counsel for legal clarification to see if the board should act on this matter before the voters consider the proposal at the Annual Town Meeting. The Adm. Assist. did indicate that it might not be legal to enter into any Option Agreements without Town Meeting approval. Mr. Humphrey stated that he believed the Selectmen should not act on the request, but that perhaps the subject should be forwarded to the Planning Board, for their study, as the basic question here is a re-zoning proposal. He also stated that all the abutters at this location had not been contacted as yet about the full extent of the proposal. He also asked that the board allow the town meeting to decide the entire question and the Selectmen should not bind the town, in anyway, to this and the proposal as contained in the agreement, should be a part of the presentation at the Town Meeting, and the Planning Board should receive the document so that they will be made aware of all the details. Mr. Hart indicated he would not favor the Selectmen taking action as requested. Then it was agreed by the other members to forward the subject to the Planning Board, and to notify Atty Geary of this action.

Request received for signing of Option Agreement. Subject forwarded t Planning Board.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was scheduled with Mr. George E. Gagnon, Jr., proprietor of the Town Line Motors, but instead Mr. Richard Linnehan, of 147 Jewett St., Lowell, a business associate of Mr. Gagnon, was present. Mr. Linnehan presented the board with a sketch of the lot with dimensions to show the availability of parking space at the business property. Mr. Gagnon had asked that the board lift the fifteen-car restriction from his Class II, Auto Dealer License, to one without restrictions. Mr. Linnehan stated that the existing building is a trailer and an unrestricted license is needed to expand the business potential. He said if the request is granted, a building would be erected. It was stated also that the size of the lot is 15,000 sq. ft. Mr. Linnehan stated that he helps Mr. Gagnon operate the business, and is his associate. When asked by the board if any complaints as to past operation had been received, Mr. Coburn reported he had not received any. It was stated also that the original license was granted in 1969 and the lot

Conference held re: change in Auto Dealer License.

Selectmen vote to change restrictions for Auto Dealer License.

size will accomodate thirty to forty cars, but later when the building is built, the area would hold about thirty cars. Mr. Humphrey asked if Mr. Linnehan would accept a thirty-car limitation and Mr. Linnehan answered in the affirmative. It was stated also that the building would be of cement-block construction, for office and garage; that the lot is not presently hot-topped, but it would be hot-topped later. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to grant a limited thirty-car license to Mr. Gagnon, as this would double the present capacity.

Insurance Advisory Committee to study proposal to change agent for Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Then the board read two letters recently received from Mr. Robert E. Picken, of the Picken Insurance Company, relating to a proposal to change the ageny for the Workmen's Compensation Insurance. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board forward the proposal to the Insurance Advisory Committee for their investigation and recommendation, and that since the town has a forty-five day period of grace to decide this matter, it would be best to seek advice. It was stated that the present agent does not have an office in town, and that past local residents in the firm, are not connected with the agency in an active capacity, and it might now be advisable to consider turning the business over to the local agent. It was decided to ask the Insurance Advisory Committee to confer with Mr. Picken and to determine if such a transfer or change of business will adverseley affect the town.

Conference with members of Environmental Advisory Committee regarding various subjects.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference was held with persons connected with the Environmental Advisory Council, Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, Chairman, Mrs. Ina Greenblatt, Mrs. Clara Refson, and Mrs. Diane Lewis. Various subjects were discussed including Snowmobile Controls, Recycling Biocides and Sewerage. On the subject of Snowmobiles, it was stated that the problems were now about ending for this winter season, and that the owners of such equipment should accept their responsibilities so that they will be properly used, and the rights of owners of private property should be respected. Dr. Kamien stated that probably there will be state regulations soon, as they are now being formulated, and the EAC would come back before the board later in the year with recommendations for their future use next winter. Then the subject turned to Recycling and Mrs. Lewis reported that the Business Manager of the School Dept. had offered to cooperate in the purchase of Recycled Paper, and it was thought that as much as 35% of future purchases could be for the recycled type. Mrs. Greenblatt reported that conferences had been held with Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald and Mr. Thomas Fuller of the Planning Dept. and cost data had been prepared and estimates of revenue were studied for the program planned for recycling of paper. Then a comparison of costs were given for developing a plan to sell paper, with revenue estimates, and costs to to pick up the paper, and the savings if the material was not sent to the Lowell incinerator or the Sanitary Landfill. A recommendation was made that racks be installed on the trash trucks to assist in the collection of newspapers. It was stated that the town might eventually save money by resale of the paper, and thus save space at the Sanitary Landfill, and money at the incinerator, and also this would conserve our natural resources. It was stated that no details were available just now for the recycling of glass. Mrs. Greenblatt stated that a trailer could be located at the dump and they would pay $5.00 per ton for the paper. It was also brought out that damage and loss to tires of Highway Dept. vehicles had been substantial at the incinerator. Dr. Kamien reported that the Raytheon Co. has a plan understudy for a Regional approach to disposal of waste material, and that further studies are needed. Mr. Lannan suggested that members of the EAC should plan to speak in favor of their article for Recycling.

Then Dr. Kamien stated that from studies conducted by the EAC, it seemed advisable to delay the implementation of the Sanitary Landfill Program and to continue to send the waster materials to the Lowell Incinerator. Mr. Lannan commented that he felt an obligation to support the article to return the funds to the Board of Health, under Art. #49, as the Board of Health did cooperate with the Selectmen when the funds were needed in late 1971 for other purposes. Mr. Doody also concurred with this thought; saying that there is a moral obligation to restore these funds. He further suggested that the subject of delaying the implementation of the Sanitary Landfill Program should be discussed with the Board of Health. Dr. Kamien then explained the reasons why the delay should be considered, and that a conference should be planned with the Board of Health. She asked if the Selectmen would like to meet with the EAC and Board of Health. It was then decided to inquire if the conference with the Board of Health, scheduled for March 14th, 1972, could be lengthened to include this discussion, and if not, could the Board of Health meet with the EAC and Selectmen on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1972. Mr. Humphrey reminded those present that the Selectmen had previously gone on record as recommending that the town stay with the plan to use the Lowell Incinerator, and he suggested that the EAC group speak on this subject at the Annual Town Meeting and with the Board of Health. Mr. Hart concurred with Mr. Humphrey's statement. Mr. Markham also spoke on this subject and he approved a plan to continue to send the waste material to the Lowell Incinerator. He stated he felt this is the best plan until other alternatives are known, and he expressed the hope that the EAC group will succeed in setting up a meeting with the Board of Health. Then Mrs. Greenblatt gave the Selectmen further advice and details about the recycling plan for newspapers, and that a presentation would be made at the Annual Town Meeting. Then the subject of discussion turned to Biocides and Dr. Kamien reported that no reply or word had come from the Moth Dept. Supt. and the EAC is still waiting to learn about details of his expenditures of 1971. It was decided to ask the Town Accountant to prepare financial statements of the 1971 Accounts of the Moth and Dutch Elm Departments for the EAC ahd Selectmen, and to forward a second request to Mr. Hogan, Moth Supt. for his written report. Dr. Kamien also reported that the EAC group had been studying the subject of Dry Cleaning Procedures and that of De-Mothing, by local cleaning establishments and she stated that more details about these subjects will be forthcoming. Then the subject of discussion included the Sewer Programs and Dr. Kamien questioned the wisdom of the Town to implement such an expensive program, when the town controls such a small section of the Merrimack River, and due to fact that other upriver communities can continue to pollute the river. She asked that the Selectmen direct various questions to the Sewer Commission to learn additional facts. It was finally decided to forward a letter to the Sewer Commission to ask six questions, per correspondence on file. It was at this point that the conference concluded.

Conference with members of the Environmental Advisory Committee to discuss Sanitary Landfill Plans, Biocides, and Sewer Plans.

At 9:30 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Recreation Commission. Those present included William A. Dempster, Jr., Chairman, Paul W. Murphy, Donald J. Cleary and Naworth C. Neild. The conference was held for the purpose of discussing future plans for the use of the Roberts Land. A plan was displayed which had been prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. The plan showed the proper land use, and the type of recreation which should be planned. Mr. Dempster gave a detailed report of the background information leading up to the presentation of the plan. He stated that the area had been studied to determine the best uses, and now the next steps must be determined, such as establishment of grades, and the need for engineering work. Mr. Lannan suggested that these plans be made a part of the town Master Plan, and that the Planning Board was now working on revisions and it might be advisable for the Recreation Commission to confer with the Planning Board Members. Mr. Dempster stated that he hoped to have early action taken on these plans. Mr. Humphrey stated that this subject is a matter for Capital Budgeting . Mr. Cleary stated that the Recrea-

Selectmen confer with Recreation Commission re: future use of Roberts Property.

Conference with members of the Recreation Commission to discuss future use of the Roberts Land, Use of old West Fire Station, and to find location for Head Start Program.

tion Commission has done much to date and are deserving of much credit for all the programs that have been started in town, and that the members are most interested and have worked diligently. The board members concurred with this statement as the progress and accomplishments had been outstanding. Mr. Lannan stated that the US Dept. of Interior has some $9,000,000. available for projects such as the Recreation Commission plan, and the Planning Dept. and NMAC can assist to file application for such funding. Mr. Hart stated that these federal applications require much data and departments need to work together. Mr. Humphrey stated that a workable probram appeared to be needed and town meeting action is required for applying for matching funds. Mr. Doody asked that the needs be described for Capital Budgeting purposes, and then we will go to the voters for their decision. Mr. Paul Murphy asked if the Recreation Commission could go to the Town Engineer for help. Mr. Lannan suggested that they go to the Highway Planning Office. Mr. Dempster stated he would confer with Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald to obtain assistance. Mr. Markham suggested that the committee obtain help from NMAC. Then the discussion centered on the subject of use of the old West Chelmsford Fire Station where much equipment is being stored. The Recreation Commission were informed that the town has no Theft Insurance Coverage on this equipment and steps should be taken to secure the building, so that no losses will occur. It was agreed that the Recreation Commission will now make a study of the building to see what is needed to make it theft proof, and then they will forward the recommendations of work to be done to the Selectmen. Then Mr. Markham spoke about the use of the West Station for a Head Start Program, and now that it had been determined that the building is not available, nor suitable, due to lack of heating facilities, would there be any other suitable location available. He suggested that a conference be held with officials of the Head Start Group as they have a serious housing problem. He asked if cost estimates could be obtained to make the old West Fire Station suitable. Mr. Humphrey suggested that an inquiry be sent to the VFW organization to see if anything can be worked out for use of the VFW Mill Road headquarters building. It was agreed that this inquiry should be made. It was at this point the conference with the Recreation Commission Members ended.

Discussion follows re: EEA positions to be filled.

A short discussion followed regarding the EEA positions to be filled. It was stated that the Drug and Youth Center Coordinator interviews would be held this week, and that efforts were being made to see if the state Div. of Employment Security and CTI could assist in locating a candidate for the position of Stenographer for the Selectmen's Department. If no candidate can be found, Mr. Lannan reported that the position may have to be advertised.

Discussion follows re: Revaluation subject and board votes to hold a Special Town Meeting on March 20, 1972 to delay Revaluation Program.

Mr. Lannan then asked if the board wished to consider further steps to be taken for the reactivation of the Revaluation Committee, now that it was known that all previous members would be willing to serve again. Mr. Doody stated he hoped the work can commence to study this subject, as it must be determined what state monies can be expected if the town goes to 100% assessments. Mr. Humphrey suggested that an article be set up for a Special Town Meeting to instruct the Assessors to delay the implementation of the 100% assessments. Then Mr. Humphrey moved to set up a Special Town Meeting, within the Annual Town Meeting, for Monday, March 20th, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. to see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Assessors to delay the implementation of the 100% assessments for a period of one year. Mr. Markham commented that this is a very serious subject and he suggested that a conference with the Assessors be held before voting on this matter. He asked that the board hold off and meet with the Assessors next week, or sooner, as this is an urgent matter. Mr. Humphrey asked for reasons Mr. Markham wanted to wait. Mr. Markham replied that it would be best to learn the opinions and feelings of the Assessors before preparing an article. Mr. Doody stated that a vote should be taken and he seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan called for a vote. Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Lannan voted in the affirmative. Mr. Markham voted in the negative, stating he wanted to give the Assessors the opportunity to meet with the Selectmen before taking such a vote. Mr. Humphrey then said he is not denying the Assessors the opportunity to speak, by making the motion at this time.

Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Selectmen's Revaluation Study Committee (to study question of state reimbursements if 100% Assessments are implemented:

New Revaluation Comm. appointed.

1. Jane S. McKersie, Regular Member,
2. Robert P. Sullivan, " "
3. Ivan La-Garde, " "
4. J. Paul Bienvenu, " "
5. Gerald R. Wallce, Regular Member,
6. Charles A. House, " "
7. Eugene E. Gilet, " "
8. Edward H. Hilliard, Alternate Member.

Mr. Doody then informed the board that he understood that the Chelmsford Hockey Assn. will not plan to use the land off Richardson Road, and granted to them, previously by town meeting vote. He asked the board to consider a plan for use of this land for a Community Center, and for a location of an outdoor rink. He stated that officials of the Nashoba School did want to inspect the site to formulate plans for the use of this land. Mr. Lannan suggested that a letter be sent to the Hockey Assn. to learn for a certainty that they will not want the use of the property. Mr. Humphrey stated that if the Hockey Assn. did indicate they would not plan to use the land, the board could have an article prepared to rescind the action taken earlier at Town Meeting, and this could be planned for the warrant of a Special Town Meeting during March 1972. The board members concurred with these suggestions.

Proposal received that certain land area be used for Community Center.

Mr. Humphrey then asked that an inquiry be sent to the Charter Study Committee to determine if their Article #63, for the Annual Town Meeting includes funding, as automatically required if a Charter Study Plan is approved, or are these funds set forth elsewhere, such as the budget.

Inquiry to be made re: funding for Charter Study Proposal.

Mr. Markham then asked if a letter could be sent to the Lowell City Manager to inquire if arrangements can be made to allow our Waste Collection vehicles to be serviced at the Lowell Incinerator after 3:45 P.M. Mr. Markham stated he understood that the Incinerator workers would not permit our trucks to dump waste material after the 3:45 P.M. hour on a given date, and such an early closing hour hampers the pickup work in Chelmsford. He also asked if the town could be accomodated at the Incinerator on an emergency basis, such as over a weekend (Saturday or Sunday). It was stated that the town is presently losing man-hours of work on weekdays due to the early closing. The other board members approved the sending of this inquiry to the Lowell City Manager.

Inquiry to be sent to the Lowell City Manager to see if Incinerator workers will accomodate the town after 3:45 P.M. closing.

Mr. Markham asked that a follow-up letter be sent to the Town Engineer to determine what progress had been made regarding the Lupien Pond water and drainage problems. The board agreed to this request.

Inquiry to be sent to Town Engineer re: Lupien Pond work.

Mr. Doody, at this point, commended Mr. Lannan on his excellent work during the year as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Doody stated that the work, as demonstrated by Mr. Lannan, had been well done for the good of the town, and his hours of work as Chairman had helped the board considerably.

Chairman commended.

Then Mr. Lannan read from a prepared written statement now that his term of Selectman and as Chairman is about to conclude. The statement follows:

Chairman reads prepared written statement now that term of office is ending.

" Gentlemen: I would like to take this opportunity, before we adjourn, to address you on the accomplishments of this Board of Selectmen during this first year operating with a Five Man Board. Having served as Chairman during this past year, I probably have been in a better position to do an evaluation of the Five Man Board. I matters not who the members of the board are or will be. The fault, as I see it, with the five man board is not the number of members, but with the structure of the Board under the General Laws of the Comm. are responsibility, authority, Committee Assignments, tasks, and reporting procedures. Under the present statutes, each member has the same responsibility and authority, Selectmen reads prepared written statement now that term of office is ending.

We are all responsible for reviewing the weekly vouchers and warrants. We are all responsible for the efficient and economic operation of those departments and personnel reporting directly to us or indirectly via a department head or committee chairman. The chairman of this board has a further responsibility; that of conducting the boards business sessions in an orderly manner, with dispatch and with fairness to all. He must further be available to our Administrative Assistant for counseling, advice and opinions when needed. During this year as Chairman, I have tried to conduct my office in a manner of fairness to all and in the best interest of the community. This has not always been an easy task. It has been a challenging one at times, and a rewarding one of accomplishment when matters under dispute have been resolved to the benefit of all concerned. This past year has seen the following accomplishments:

1. Forty-two regular meetings and seven special meetings of the Board were held.
2. More than 2,700 persons visited our office.
3. Over 2,500 telephone calls were received.
4. More than 3,400 letters and messages prepared and forwarded to those concerned.
5. A total of $21,877.50 was received in license fees and $384.40 in advertisement reimbursements for a total of $22,261.90; exceeding the total amount disbursed during 1971 to maintain the Selectmen's Department.
6. Signed a contract for participation by the Town in the Greater Lowell Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Program (Share).
7. Negotiated a contract with the City of Lowell to use the Lowell incinerator, relieving the Town dump from open burning, etc. This arrangement can continue for as long as the Town desires.
8. Established a Youth Center at the McFarlin School.
9. Instituted a study for Emergency "911" telephone service to determine what type of emergency service would be best suited to the needs of our citizens.
10. During August, immediate steps were taken to implement the hiring of other unemployed persons under the emergency remployment act.
11. An office was set up in the lower Town Hall to accomodate the local community service bureau, to assist local persons who are unemployed.
12. Established the Charter Petition Study Committee; turned over to this committee over 1200 signatures previously collected for this purpose.
13. Study is now under way concerning the construction of a community Center and presently preliminary plans are being studied and formulated by a committee in conjunction with officials of Nashoba Valley Technical High School.
14. The addition to the Highway Garage was completed at a minimal cost to the Town.
15. A Committee to study our Recreational areas for the possibility of installing lights has been established and will be reporting their findings and recommendations.
16. The Capital outlay program is well underway, and as each Department reports their needs for the coming years, we should have a good road map to follow for future needs and spending.

I have had a very enjoyable year as your Chairman. I thank you all for your co-operation. No one realizes more than I, the time and effort that is required of each member in order that the Board of Selectmen function as an administrative body in implementing and carrying out the Legislation of the Towns people.
My thanks again to the members of the news media who have been an asset to their profession in the reporting of the news pertaining to the Selectmen's meetings and other events happening in the Town. My thanks to the many towns people who have in the past few years called on me for assistance and advice, and to those who have assisted and helped me to obtain the information that is always necessary in order to make decisions affecting the general public, I thank you all. My special thanks to Mr. Coburn (Alfred) our Administrative Assistant, without whom our jobs as Selectmen and especially as Chairman would be impossible.

My thanks to our Town employees for their many courtesies and for their loyalty and devotion to their duties in the Public service. Next Tuesday evening, Mr. Doody, the Vice-Chairman of the board will preside over the first meeting of the board after the elections. This meeting will be for the purpose of organizing the board for the new year. I wish my successor as Chairman, well. I am looking forward to participating at that meeting as the newly elected member of the Board. Now , gentlemen, if there is no other business to come before this board, I will accept a motion to adjourn

Chairman reads prepared written statement as term of office is ending.

Mr. Humphrey then thanked Mr. Lannan for his help during the past year and he stated also that it had been a pleasure to work with him for the past six years. Mr. Humphrey then stated he hoped Mr. Lannan would gain a vote of confidence at the polls on Election Day, March 6th, 1972. Mr. Hart also thanked Mr. Lannan for the help Mr. Lannan had given to him in order to gain knowledge and procedures to be followed for the work of a Selectman.

Board Members thank Mr. Lannan for his help.

Mr. Doody then moved, and Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:15 P.M. It was so voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Jurors Drawn.

On February 29th, 1972, Mr. Lannan drew the following-mentioned names of persons as Jurors:

1.	Vincent P. Marchildon,	20 Old Stage Road,	For Criminal Court at Marlborough.
2.	Charles C. Wasgatt,	39 Sleigh Road,	" " " " "
3.	Ernest N. Whitmeyer,	3 Purcell Drive,	" " " " "
4.	Daniel E. Farmer,	3 Lauderdale Rd.,	For Superior Court at East Cambridge.
5.	James P. Smith,	7 Susan Avenue,	For Superior Court at Lowell.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

On March 2nd, 1972 the Selectmen approved the appointment of the following-mentioned persons as Election Officers for service on 3/6/72:

1. Judith E. Provencal, 82 Boston Road, as Temp. Inspector for Prec. 1.
2. Virginia A. Foster, 17 Princeton St., as Temp. Inspector for Prec. 2.
3. Lorraine C. Anderson, 100 Main Street, As Temp. Inspector for Prec. 3.
4. Rita P.Barry, 27 Berkeley Drive, as Temp. Inspector for Prec. 3.
5. Lorraine Jeffrey, 91 Crooked Spring Road, as Temp. Deputy Insp.for Prec. 3.
6. Helen R. Barris, 30 Carlisle Street, as Temp. Deputy Clerk for Prec. 4.
7. Janice Mugford, 6 Purcell Drive, as Temp. Inspector for Prec. 5.
8. Sylvia L. Ciampa, 2 Purcell Drive, as Temp. Deputy Inspector for Prec. 5.
9. Anita M. Camacho, 25 Swain Road, as Temp. Deputy Warden for Prec. 7.
10. Virginia Thursby, 16 Swain Road, as Temp. Deputy Inspector for Prec. 7.
11. Patricia A. Merrill, 108 Dunstable Road, as Temp. Deputy Inspector for Prec. 7.
12. Lorraine M. Murphy, 12 Swain Road, as Temp. Deputy Warden for Prec. 7.
13. Elizabeth R. Harrison, 5 Latch Road, as Temp. Deputy Warden for Prec.8.
14. Anne C. Trabucco, 20 Fenwick Road, as Temp. Deputy Inspector for Prec 10.
15. Shirley S. Wilson, 4 Courtland Drive, as Permanent Warden for Prec. 12.
16. Irene A. McHugh, 126 Pine Hill Road, as Permanent Deputy Inspector for Prec. 12.
17. Kathleen K. Daggett, 13 Chestnut Hill Road, as Permanent Deputy Inspector for Prec. 12.

Election Officers Appointed.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, March 7th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Members present included Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart, Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan. Mr. Doody presided at the opening of the meeting.

Reporters present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:
1. Gus Webster, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Marion Dempsey, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:30P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 9:25 P.M.

Contract for state "Topics" program forwarded to Town Counsel for study.

The board requested that the contract recently received from the state DPW for work to be done by the state for the "Topics" Program, to make traffic safety improvements at certain locations within the town, be forwarded to the Town Counsel for his study and recommendations, to be certain that the terms are satisfactory to the town.

Date of next Fire Labor Meeting announced.

Mr. Doody announced that the next Labor Contract Meeting for the Fire Department employees would be held at the Center Town Hall, on Wednesday, March 8th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Inquiry rec'd re: Street Light request.

It was decided to forward a request to Mr. Philip E. Goodie of 12 Garrison Road, to ask that he submit pole location numbers where he would like to have street lights installed. This action was taken inasmuch as he had forwarded a letter of inquiry as to the status of his earlier request that lighting facilities be considered for Garrison Road, and that no affirmative action had been taken.

Board organizes for the new business year.

Mr. Lannan is appointed as Chairman.

Then Mr. Doody asked the board members if they would care to organize for the ensuing year, now that the Town Election had been held, and Mr. Lannan had been returned to office for a three-year term. Mr. Lannan moved to nominate Mr. Doody as Chairman. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Doody then read from a prepared written statement as follows: "I will not be a candidate for the position as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. I do understand the advantages the Chairmanship offers, both administratively and politically. I must, however, consider the best arrangement of my time consistent with participation in town affairs and as balanced by my family and employer obligations. I feel that my time can be more productively spent this year in project and subcommittee work. As members of this board are aware, I am presently Chairman or Coordinator for the Drug Abuse Control Committee, Youth Activities Committee, Community Center Committee, and Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee. I hope to conclude or delegate some of this sub-committee activity so that I amy be able to concentrate my efforts with the Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee. I believe that, in terms of the long range economic health of Chelmsford, this committee will become the most important activity in the community." Then Mr. Lannan moved to nominate Mr. Humphrey as Chairman. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Humphrey then stated that due to his own personal business requirements that he, too, must decline the honor. He stated further that the Chairmanship does take much time and he indicated he could not fullfill the obligations required as Chairman and he asked the other members to not consider him for appointment as Chairman. Then Mr. Humphrey moved to nominate Mr. Lannan as Chairman once again. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Doody asked for comments. Mr. Lannan stated that the Chairmanship is most interesting work and a challenge, and he then stated he would accept the nomination, and appointment, if the members wished to extend this honor to him. Mr. Humphrey then explained that in his period of ten years as a member of the Board of Selectmen he had never seen anyone of his past and present associates, spend and give so much of his time as Mr. Lannan had done in the past year, so that the work of the board could proceed in the best possible manner. Mr. Doody asked if there would be any other nominations for Chairman. There were no further nominations received. Mr. Humphrey moved to close the nominations. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously. Then Mr. Doody called for a vote to name the Chairman, by the casting of one vote for Mr. Lannan. Mr. Humphrey stated he would cast the vote to name Mr. Lannan as Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Lannan accepted the appointment and stated he would try to preside at future meetings of the board in a fair and impartial manner and he then expressed his thanks and appreciation to the townspeople for returning him to the Office of Selectman, and for the continuing confidence expressed by the members of this board as demonstrated this evening. Mr. Lannan then assumed the Chairmanship.

Mr. Lannan accepts Chairmanship.

Mr. Lannan then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Humphrey moved to nominate Mr. Hart as Vice Chairman. Mr. Doody seconded the motion. Mr. Doody moved to close the nominations and Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan called for a vote to name the Vice Chairman, by casting of one ballot for the nominee. Mr. Humphrey stated he would cast the ballot for Mr. Hart. Mr. Hart accepted the appointment.

Mr. Hart appointed as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Lannan asked for nominations for appointment of a Clerk. Mr. Hart moved to nominate Mr. Markham as Clerk of the Board. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Doody moved to close the nominations for Clerk and Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan called for a vote to appoint the Clerk by casting of one ballot. Mr. Doody stated he would case the one ballot for Mr. Thomas F. Markham, Jr. as Clerk of the Board. Mr. Markham accepted this appointment.

Mr. Markham appointed as Clerk of the Board.

It was decided to plan a meeting with members of the newly-elected Charter Commission for Tuesday evening, March 14th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. for purposes of introductions and for discussion of other business needs.

Conference scheduled with Charter Comm. members.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 22nd, 1972.

Minutes accepted.

No action was taken at this time on the approval or acceptance of minutes of a special meeting of Feb. 23rd, and regular meeting of Feb. 28th, in order to allow the members additional time to read the material.

Acceptance of minutes postponed.

A letter was received from the Board of Health stating that it would be advisable to set aside a period of one hour for conference with the Selectmen for Tuesday, March 14th, 1972, commencing at 8;00 P.M. to discuss two subjects; (plans for use of fill material from Crystal Lake property and the delay for implementation of a sanitary landfill operation, as proposed by members of the Environmental Advisory Council.) It was decided to so notify members of the EAC of the time of this appointment so that members of the Council may be present.

Conference plans finalized with Board of Health and EAC.

A letter was received from the Sewer Commission in which permission was requested for engaging of services of the Town Counsel to obtain legal advice relating to the questions being raised whereby a private citizens group shall direct the Commissioners to hire consultants, per the groups article in Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and to ask that the Town Counsel meet with the Sewer Commissioners andwners of the Wool Scouring Mills on March 9th, 1972. The Selectmen approved the request and offered no objections to these plans, and they asked that the Town Counsel be so notified.

Sewer Commissioners seek advice of Town Counsel.

A letter was received from Mrs. Jack D. Hadley, of 64 School Street, in which she called attention to need for traffic safety signs on Graniteville Road, where a recent accident had occurred due to unsafe icy conditions. It was decided to forward the information to the Police Department for their study and recommendations. Then the board discussed the subject of need for road repairs and improvements on Graniteville Road; stating that there is a wash-board condition and the road areas could be considered very dangerous in their present condition. It was decided to forward a reminder to the Acting Supt. of Streets about this matter and to request that repairs be made, and to inform the board of the action he will take.

Traffic Safety Sign Requested. Road repairs cited as necessary.

A questionnaire was received from the state Legislative Research Council concerning town assessments of property. It was decided to forward same to the Assessors for completion.

Questionnaire rec'd.

Jaycees to conduct course in Basic Ecology.

A letter was received from the Chelmsford Jaycees announcing a course in Basic Ecology to be conducted, during ten classes, scheduled during March, April and May 1972 and the Selectmen were invited to participate. It was decided to forward the information to the Environmental Advisory Council with a request that they name a nominee from the EAC to attend, and to notify the Selectmen of the identity of the nominee, so that the board can, in turn, inform the Jaycees who would attend and represent the board and EAC.

One Bid for purchase of a Steam Cleaner Rejected. Additional bids to be solicited.

At 8:00 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for the purchase of eight pieces of Highway Equipment. There were five company representatives present to observe the proceedings. The first bid to be opened was for a Steam Cleaner and only one bid was received. Mr. Humphrey moved to reject the bid and to ask the Purchasing Officer to re-solicit for receipt of other bids later, after a new call is issued for bids. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. It was also decided to have the Purchasing Officer, who was present during the opening of the bids, to determine how many specifications were sent out and to whom and that an inquiry should also be made at the Nashoba Vocational School where a Steam Cleaner had been purchased, as they would have information of prospective bidders.

Bids Opened for Purchase of a Front-End Loader.

Bids Opened for Sweeper Broom.

Bids Opened for Dump Truck.

Bids Opened for Truck Chassis.

Bids Opened for Packer Body.

Bids Opened for Spreader.

Bids continued to be opened as follows:

For a Front-End Loader:			
	1.	Doering Equipment Co.	$22,500.00 with alternate bid of $1,400.
	2.	E. J. Bleiler Equipment Co.	$20,524.00,
	3.	C. N. Wood Co., Inc.,	$21,127.50,
	4.	Andover Tractor, Inc.,	$15,127.00,
	5.	State Equipment Corporation.	$18,855.00,
For a Sweeper Broom:	1.	H. F. Davis Tractor Co.,	$20,000.00
	2.	Casey & Dupuis,	$18,732.00
For a Dump Truck:	1.	Wilmington Sales,	$8,667.00
	2.	McKinnon & Sons Motor Co., Inc.,	$8,350.00
	3.	Jim Peirce Ford World,	$7,951.00, alternate $177.00
For a Truck Chassis to Mount a Packer Body:			
	1.	Jim Peirce Ford World;	$11,637.00
	2.	McKinnon & Son Motor Co., Inc.	$13,157.50
	3.	Wilmington Sales,	$11,849.00
For a Packer Body for Waste Collections:			
	1.	Gar Wood Co.,	$6,600.00
	2.	Casey & Dupuis.,	$7,800.00
	3.	C. N. Wood Co., Inc.,	$7,611.00
	4.	Morse Body Mfg. Co.,	$6,698.00
For a Spreader:	1.	Casey & Dupuis:	$2,794.00
	2.	E. J. Bleiler Equip. Co.	$2,595.00

Bid for purchase of a Catch Basin Cleaner Rejected.

Only one bid was received for the Purchase of a Catch Basin Cleaner, and the board decided to take the same action as was done earlier during the evening when only one bid was received for the Steam Cleaner. (To re-solicit for other bids later and the Purchasing Officer to inquire for names of other possible bidders.

Purchasing Officer and Acting Supt. of Streets to study Bids and prepare report of recommendations.

It was further decided to have the Purchasing Officer and the Acting Supt. of Streets study the specifications to determine if the bids meet the requirements of the town and to prepare a summary for each board member of the bids with the recommendations for each purchase, for the next meeting, on March 14th, 1972.

New 1971 Population figure certified by state.

A notice was received from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission stating that the certification of town's population after state census was conducted in 1971 was 30,341. It was decided to now forward a request to the agency for information as to the new quotas for liquor licenses in accordance with the new population figure.

Election Officer resigns.

Information was received from Mrs. Mary L. Clark, that she wished to resign as an Election Officer, Inspector for Precinct 8. The Selectmen accepted the resignation and a letter of appreciation will be sent to Mrs. Clark.

A letter was received from the state Commissioner of Public Works regarding the continuation of funds for reimbursements to the cities and towns for Highway Safety Programs. It was decided to forward the information to the Office of the Planner for the Highway Department so that he may include the data in files pertaining to the "Topics" Program. Inasmuch as the letter did refer to reimbursements for installation of safety devices relating to traffic improvements, it was decided to inquire from the state Representative, Bruce N. Freeman, if the town would be eligible for participation in the program when the Illuminating Signs for school bus traffic on Acton Road, are installed.

Information received from state re: reimbursement to town for highway safety improvements.

Letters were read from the School Department and the Planning Department regarding the reasons why the Belvidere School will not be used for school purposes, and the present crowded conditions at the Center Town Hall respectively. Also floor plans were made available to the board of the three floors used at the Center Town Hall for future study.

Correspondenc received re: Belvidere School and present use of Center Town Hall.

A letter was received from Mr. Owen Matthews of the Mayor's Coordinating Committee for the state VFW Convention scheduled for locating in the City of Lowell on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 1972. Mr. Matthews asked for permission to locate trailers, on a temporary basis, at the property of Mr. Raymond V. Paul, 304 Boston Road. It was decided to refer the subject to the Police Chief as such temporary permits are issued by the Police Dept.

Request for Trailer Permit referred to Police Dept.

At 8:45 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for the Purchase of and Installation of Two Internally Illuminted Signs reading "Bus Entering Ahead - School," on Acton Road. No representatives from the companies which bid were present. The Purchasing Officer, Mr. Robert E. Olsen, was present. Three bids were received as follows:

1.	Morse Bros Electical Contractors:	$3,975.00
2.	Colliers IE - EE Service;	3,033.00
3.	R. W. LeBarron, Inc.;	3,600.00

It was decided to take the bids under advisement and that the Purchasing Officer and Acting Supt. of Streets should study the bids to determine if they meet the town's specifications, and then submit recommendations to the board as soon as possible.

Sealed Bids Received for Purchase & Installation of a Traffic Safet Sign.

It was decided to notify the School Committee, School Supt., School Bldg. Committee and the Principal of the Byam School that the state DPW will conduct a Public Hearing in Boston on Tuesday, March 14th, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. at its hearing room, State Office Building, on the application of the Board of Selectmen to require the Penn Central Railroad Company to install fencing along their property adjacent to the Byam School. It was decided to ask the various school department officials if they would like the assistance of the Town Counsel to present the town's case, and if so, to so notify the Town Counsel to be present and make this presentation.

DPU Hearing re: railroad fencing discussed. Town Counsel may be requested to attend hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to nominate Martin A. Gruber of 8 Dalton Road, as Animal Inspector for the ensuing year.

Animal Inspector nominated.

A letter was received from Mrs. Nancy L. Bue, Chairman Pro-Tem, of the Anti Litter Committee and she submitted a list of names of nominees for appointment to this committee. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-mentioned persons as members of this new committee:

Members appointed to Anti Litter Committee.

1. Diane L. Boisvert, 9 Balsom Drive, To represent Buttonwood Gardeners.
2. Joanne G. Felbinger, 24 Chestnut Hill Road, To represent Golden Chain Garden Club.
3. Virginia M. Wilkins, 7 Hidden Way, To represent Open Gate Garden Club.
4. Paula D. Blagg, 32 Clover Hill Drive. To represent Woodridge Gardeners.
5. Elizabeth A. Twombly, 46 Abbott Lane. To represent Four Seasons Garden Club.
6. Lorraine A. Shea, 24 Wildes Road, To represent the Jaycee-ettes.
7. Lois E. Manty, 117 Robin Hill Road. To represent Mass. Extension Homemakers Council.

Members appointed to Anti Litter Committee.

8. Richard Codling, 4 Santa Fe Road, To represent the Environmental Adv.Council. The board also asked that suggestions be sent to Mrs. Nancy L. Bue, Chairman Pro-Tem, to ask that she keep the Selectmen informed of the activities of this new committee.

Approval given for renewing of Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy.

The Selectmen then discussed the subject of the renewal of the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy. A letter was read from the Insurance Advisory Committee, and advice was given that rates would be the same for both companies involved in the study, but if a detailed survey is made some savings might result. Letters were also received from the Picken Insurance Agency, Inc. and the Norcross & Leighton, Inc. agency with proposals. The board then decided to renew the insurance coverage with the Norcross & Leighton Inc. agency commencing March 1st, 1972. The members felt that there was not sufficient time to study the matter as a decision to renew must be made quickly. It was decided to suggest that the Picken Agency forward a proposal next year, well in advance of the anniversary date of the policy, in order to allow the board ample time in which to study the subject and make its decision.

School Committee granted permission to engage services of the Town Counsel.

A letter was received from the School Committee in which a request was made that they be permitted to confer with the Town Counsel relating to legal aspects concerning a recent proposal submitted to the committee by the High School Student Council, to be allowed to attend future meetings of the School Committee The board offered no objections to this request and permission was granted.

Bid Summary Sheets to be made up.

It was decided that Summary Sheets should be prepared relating to the bids for Police Cruisers and the Fire Department Vehicle, for the board to use later in making the final decisions to award the respective contracts.

State DPW submits traffic safety suggestions for Boston Road area.

A letter was received from the state DPW District Highway Engineer with various recommendations which the town could implement for improvements in safety conditions along Boston Road, at a curve between Warren Avenue and Hall Road, and where numerous accidents had occurred in the past. It was decided to forward the information to the Police Department for their study and recommendations. It was also decided to forward the information to the Acting Supt. of Streets to learn of his comments and recommendations.

Report received re: number and cost of bounds for engineering project.

A letter was received from the Acting Supt. of Streets in which he submitted information as to the number and cost of town bounds which should be placed along the Chelmsford - Westford Boundary, at Pine Hill Road, where a County Engineering Survey is underway. It was estimated that the total cost of the ten bounds needed, per advice from the County Engineering Office, would be approximately $1,250.00. It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Selectmen of Westford to see if they would consider sharing this cost which might total $625.00.

Request for character reference received.

A request was received for a character reference for Incorporators of Charitable Gourmets, Inc., to be located in Chelmsford. It was decided to request the Police Department to make an investigation and submit a written police and character report concerning the five incorporators.

Report rec'd. re: drainage problem.

A report was received from the Acting Supt. of Streets regarding work done, and plans made for alleviating problems with the Lupien Pond drainage flow. It was decided to forward a copy of this report to Attorney Daniel J. DeBenedictis who represents an abutter, Mr. Robert W. Bennett, so that they would be aware of the work of the Highway Department and the plans for the future.

Positions filled under EEA Program.

Mr. Lannan announced that two positions had been filled recently under the Emergency Employment Act as follows: (both effective: 3/3/72.)

1. Harry A. Foster, Jr., 44 Newfield St., as Youth Center Coordinator,
2. Russell W. Kerr, Jr., 7 Ansie Road, as Adm. Assist. to Drug Abuse Committee.

Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assistant.

On March 8th, 1972, the following-named persons were drawn for Jury Service.

1. James R. Casey, 20 Fletcher Street, At Superior Court, East Cambridge.
2. Jennie N. Farris, 11 Berkeley Drive, " " " " "

These names were drawn by Mr. Lannan.

Jurors Drawn.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assistant.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, March 14th, 1972; 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Doody, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:15 P.M. and departed at 8:00 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:15 P.M.
3. Jerry House, of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:20 P.M.

Mrs. Kierce and Mr. House remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 12:00 midnight.

Reporters present.

Approval was given for the use of the Center Town Hall, as follows:

1. By the CYAC for Little League Registration, on Friday, March 17th, 1972 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Saturday, March 18th, 1972, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the front vestibule area, per request of Randall Castle.
2. By the Colonial Minutement for their monthly muster on Wednesday, April 5th, 1972 from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. in upper meeting room.
3. By the Little League, for Registration on Saturday, March 25th, 1972, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in upper meeting room, per request from Edward D. Ralowicz.

Use of Center Town Hall facilities approved.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Charter Commission which had been authorized, and elected, on March 6th, 1972. Those present included John J. Balco, Robert W. Bennett, Thomas M. Dougherty, Robert S. Forsley, D. Richard Lynch, Gerald C. Shea, Mart C. Matthews and Marion Dempsey and John E. McCormack. Mr. Lannan welcomed the group and asked that a spokesman introduce the members. Mr. Robert W. Bennett then introduced each member and stated that Mr. Balco had been named Vice Chairman, Mr. Forsley had been named Treasurer and Mr. Shea had been named Clerk. Mr. Bennett stated also he had been named Chairman, and the first meeting of the Commission had been held March 9th, 1972 and the members had been sworn into office, the officers were named, and a discussion was held regarding the agenda procedures. Mr. Bennett explained that the commission would interview three consultants, and they asked for use of town hall facilities, and the meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings. He also explained that the consultants will be submitting information to the commission, and their budget must now be determined. Also, he said, quorum requirements must be established, and files will be needed for their records, and their future tasks must be studied, and a timetable planned. Mr. Bennett asked for suggestions for improvements in town government from the elected and appointed officials, and the commission will operate by an agenda, with a copy to be released for the press, so that all information will be known. Then Mr. Lannan offered the board's congratulations to the members, and he gave a synopsis of the history of the Charter Petition Plan, and added that the project came about from the original suggestion of Mr. Humphrey, and the plan did not initiate from a group of disgruntled citizens of the town who might be seeking changes, as has happened in other

Conference held with Charter Commission Members

Conference continues with members of the Charter Commission.

communities. Mr. Lannan stated he hoped the commission members would not have pre-conceived ideas, and that the members would determine the needs of the town through study and investigation, and then present recommendations to the voters. Mr. Lannan stated that lawbooks are available in the Selectmen's Office, for the commission members to refer to, and he asked if it would be possible for a copy of the minutes of the meetings to be forwarded to the Selectmen. Then Mr. Lannan asked questions about their plans for an appropriation under Article 63, and he explained that it had been understood that a sum of $2,000.00 would be made available to the commission, on an automatic basis, per provisions of the General Laws. Mr. Lannan extended an offer to help the commission. Mr. Hart offered his congratulations to the members, and he said he was pleased to see such a large group with deep seated interest in town government, and he offered to help the group if needed, and he commented that he hoped the commission might be able to help and advice the Selectmen also. Mr. Humphrey said he would only repeat the previous statements, and he commented that this will be a difficult job, and a combination of praise and criticism will come to the members. He then questioned the procedures about the establishment of the $2,000. appropriation. Mr. Matthews explained the source of these funds and the procedures to be followed. Mr. Humphrey then stated that the Selectmen do endorse this Charter Commission Study. Mr. Doody stated he would extend a hand to congratulate the new members and that the board would hope to have a guide for future benefit to the town. Mr. Markham offered his congratulations and good luck, and he said he had attended the first meeting of the commission when much enthusiasm had been shown, and he suggested the board offer the commission the use of the Selectmen's upstairs meeting room and that they be given a key. It was agreed that the commission will work out such details with the Adm. Assist. Mr. Markham also suggested that the commission try to establish a long-range schedule for future meetings, and then post same, as is done by the Nashoba Vocational School Committee Members. The conference ended at this point.

Minutes accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the special meeting of the board held Feb. 23rd, 1972, and regular meeting of the board held Feb. 28th, 1972.

Minutes of meeting not accepted at this time.

It was decided not to take any action on the minutes of meeting of March 7th, 1972 until the board members have an opportunity to read the material.

License granted.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to grant a renewal of an Auctioneer's License to George R. Dupee, of 3 Lantern Lane. Fee: $2.00

Conference held with members of the Board of Health and members of Environmental Adv. Council to hear presentation by Raytheon Representatives re: Sanitary Landfill Plans.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Board of Health, Robert A. Finnie, Jr., Dr. Byron D. Roseman, Peter Dulchinos and Health Director, Thomas W. Morris. Members were also present from the Environmental Advisory Council, Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, Ina B. Greenblatt, and Clara M. Refson. Representatives were present from the Raytheon Company, Mr. Robert Schroeder and Mr. Arthur Slater, and they made a presentation of a new plan which they were proposing with the City of Lowell, and which would affect the Greater Lowell Area, on a regional basis, to upgrade the Lowell incinerator and establish a processing plant for the recycling of water materials into useful quantities. The plan was referred to a Profitable Resource Recovery for Energy from Waste Material. Mr. Lannan introduced Mr. Schroeder. The presentation was in the form of visual aides and Mr. Schroeder explained the recycling plans; that he and his company were working with Lowell officials, and the costs and benefits were then described. After the presentation a discussion followed. It was stated that plans had been made to implement the Sanitary Landfill Operation on June 1st, 1972, and Mr. Lannan stated that Lowell officials will want to know what Chelmsford intends to do about future use of the Lowell Incinerator. Mr. Lannan then presented the question if Chelmsfore would want to postpone the commencing of the Landfill Operation, until further facts are known about the Regional Plan explained this evening. Mr. Lannan stated that if Chelmsford leaves the Lowell Incinerator there is a definite possibility that we cannot go back, as other communities are waiting for the opportunity to be serviced by the Lowell Incinerator. Mr. Finnie explained that the land and equipment has already been purchased for the Landfill Operation. It was felt that now a decision must be made whether to postpone the Landfill Operation now that the Raytheon Plan has been explained. Mr. Finnie asked Mr. Schroeder if he was confident that the implementation dates for the Regional Plan would be realistic. Mr. Schroeder said that the state and federal governments are already interested in the proposal, and there is a good chance for funding, and he stated he was confident that the timetables are correct, and that insofar as the local level is concerned, there would be no capital costs for the municipalities and thus time would be saved for this aspect. Dr. Roseman stated that the Board of Health does favor the subject of recycling, but there are costs to consider. He said the present incineration costs are $6.00 per town and the landfill costs have been carefully studied and are estimated to be about $3.00 per ton, and this must be considered. Mr. Lannan commented that these figures are subject to study. Dr. Roseman admitted that all estimates can be questionable, but a considerable amount of study has gone into this proposal and all indications point to an approximate cost of $3.00 per ton. A visitor, not identified, stated that state landfill figures are now being questioned. Mr. Finnie said that the Board of Health now has a plan, and they had delayed the implementation of the program in the past to resolve important questions, and now we should move ahead, per the instructions and the town meeting vote. Then Dr. Ethel N. Kamine, of the EAC spoke and stated that the EAC had originally requested that this discussion take place and she asked that all boards should now study the subject. Then a discussion followed regarding cost data. Mrs. Ina B. Greenblatt, of the EAC stated that she learned state officials cannot understand the $3.20 per ton cost for Landfill Operation, and she asked that a delay now be approved to clarify these matters. Dr. Roseman pointed out that the figures cited were reflected in the report of Camp, Dresser & McKee. Mr. Finnie suggested that the town undertake the use of the present viable plan. He stated further the Board of Health will study the subject and give their recommendations, and supporting information for the decision to all the insterested parties. Then a long discussion ensued regarding alternatives to the operation of a Landfill. Mr. Doody asked various questions about the cost per ton estimates and he indicated that because of several uncertain factors, a delay might be worthwhile. Mr. Hart referred to previous votes at town meeting and questioned if the subject would have passed had the voters been informed of such a proposal as had been explained this evening. Mr. Finnie stated that this is difficult to know, as the proposal was not available at that time. Mr. Markham asked questions about NMAC and if the Town of Bedford is a part of the Northern Middlesex District and Mr. Schroeder listed the communities which have membership and Bedford is not one of these. Mr. Markham asked if we can participate in the proposal of Mr. Schroeder if we have our own Landfill, and he urged that the town proceed slowly on a phase basis, and he advised town officials to wait and he said he would like to see a firm proposal for the Regional Plan. Mr. Finnie stated that the Board of Health can consider this. Mr. Humphrey asked questions about the equipment already purchased by the Board of Health and Mr. Thomas W. Morris replied that the bulldozer had been purchased and the department is committed for the erection of the building, and for purchase of some other equipment; all to cost in the vicinity of $82,000.00 Mr. Humphrey asked how much cover material is available for the landfill operation and Mr. Finnie replied that there is sufficient cover material to last two or three years, at the landfill site. Mr. Humphrey asked where would they obtain cover material after that. Mr. Finnie stated that Crystal Lake areas would then be considered. Mr. Humphrey stated that this was not a fact as yet, and he then asked for the definite plans of the Board of Health about removal of fill material from Crystal Lake. Mr. Finnie stated that a map, with information, is available, and that a request had been made a year ago for fill, and this would tie in with the reclamation plans, as fill would undoubtedly be removed from the area. Mr. Finnie then stated that our town landfill costs per ton are higher than some other communities and one reasons for this is the fact that there will be site development needs.

Conference continues with members of Board of Health, members of Environmental Advisory Council and Representatives from Raytheon Company to discuss Sanitary Landfill Plans.

Conference concludes with Board of Health regarding Sanitary Landfill Plans.

Then Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Regional Plan, as outlined by Mr. Schroeder this evening, be placed before the voters at a future Annual Town Meeting session so that the voters could decide the questions. Mr. Humphrey then said he would ask Mr. Schroeder if he would make such a presentation. Mr. Hart at this time asked for the Plans of the Board of Health for use of fill from Crystal Lake and that this information be made available to the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee. Mr. Finnie then agreed to the requests made this evening, for the Regional Plan by Mr. Schroeder, probably for the March 27th, 1972 meeting and for the Plans for the Crystal Lake Committee. The conference closed with Mr. Schroeder offering to help the town officials.

Environmental Chairman talks of Moth Dept. & Dutch Elm Work and Merrimack River Recreational Plans.

Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council, then asked that the board read a report she had submitted this evening with the Council recommendations for future work to be done in the Moth and Dutch Elm Departments. She asked that the board forward their comments to her. Dr. Kamien also asked if the board was aware of the NMAC Recreational Plan for a Marina along the banks of the Merrimack River, and for other recreational fcilities, in this area. She stated she hoped that the town would not be locked out of the plans for the beach and marina, if the Sewer Commission plans went forward. Mr. Lannan stated that he was aware of these plans and that the land area is near the the Wellman Property.

Pole Location Hearing Authorized.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing for Pole Location Petition for Grove Street and Summer Street Extension.

Railroad company assures town officials that repairs will be made at two crossings.

A letter was received from officials of the Penn Centrail Railroad Company stating that repair work at railroad crossings will be done during Spring when weather conditions improve at Central Square and Golden Cove Road. The board decided to forward a copy of this letter to the Acting Supt. of Streets with a suggestion that he plan to make needed repairs to the approaches to the crossing at Golden Cove Road, to coincide with the work of the railroad company. It was stated that the approaches at this crossing are in bad shape. Comments were also made that this subject had come to the attention of Rep. Freeman a long while ago, but very little has developed to repair the Golden Cove crossing.

Subject of procedures for Issuing Beano Licenses discussed.

The board then discussed the procedures for implementing the receiving of applications, and granting of licenses, for conducting of Beano games in town, per authority granted by the voters at the Annual Town Election under a referendum question. It was decided to order the necessary application and license forms and to request that the Town Clerk prepare a certification of the results of the referendum to be sent to the state Commissioner of Public Safety, as requested by him.

School Committee Member seeks Conflict of Interest Legal Opinion.

A request was received from the School Committee for the use of services of the Town Counsel to obtain a ruling under the provisions of the Conflict of Interest Law, inasmuch as questions had arisen since a new member, Mrs. Jean B. Callahan, had been elected to the board. The board decided that Mrs. Callahan should seek this opinion herself as the provisions of Chapter 268A, Section 22, allow town officials to obtain such information automatically, and that a final decision in the matter shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

Bids to be called for purchase of Gasoline.

The Selectmen directed that Sealed Bids be called for the Purchase of Gasoline, and they also directed that the Purchasing Officer continue to pursue the subject of purchasing such supplies, under the state contract plan, so that this information will be available at a later date.

Application received and to be returned for storage of oxygen.

An application was received from the KSC Semiconductor Corporation of KSC Way, off Katrina Road, for a license to store 1,000 gallons of Oxygen, aboveground. The Adm. Assist. called attention to the fact that the application has not been presented to the Fire Chief for his approval and that the owner of the land should also sign as a co-applicant. It was decided to return the application to the company to have these matters complied with.

Then Mr. Humphrey suggested that a directive be forwarded to the Fire Chief to have the subject of all licenses in Chelmsford, relating to inflammables, studied. He asked that inspections be made so that all the necessary steps would be taken to protect the Town of Chelmsford, and its residents, since two very serious explosions and fires had occurred in Tewksbury and Lowell. Mr. Humphrey asked that visual inspections of installations be made by the Chief and that recommendations be made for safety improvements, if found to be advisable, and that a written report be filed with the board later to inform them of any changes that he might order. Also the subject of the recently-granted license for the Giant Store was cited, and the board asked that information be obtained to learn if the company did install barrier(s) as suggested at time of hearing and subsequent conference. The board approved the suggestion of Mr. Humphrey.

Fire Chief requested to make inspections of storage areas of inflammables and to file report with board.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to declare March 16th, 1972 as Coffee Day in Chelmsford, to assist the Annual fund raising campaign for the Easter Seal Society for help to crippled children.

"Coffee Day" proclaimed.

Information was received from the Mass. House Speaker, David M. Bartley, regarding House Bill Number 4219, "An Act to Provide and Maintain Transportation Facilities and Services Coordinated with Highway Systems and Urban Development Plans in Certain Areas throughout the Commonwealth." Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board solicit advice on the merits of this bill from Rep. Raymond E. Rourke. Mr. Hart suggested that a conference be arranged with Rep. Rourke, at his convenience, to discuss this subject. The board members agreed that this should be done.

Selectmen to confer with a state legislator re: merits of transportation bill.

A letter was received from the School Committee in which information was given that a plan is now to be studied relating to an Open Campus Program for the High School, and that an Open Campus Study Committee will be named to study the objectives. The Selectmen were invited to name a representative to this committee. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, the name of Thomas F. Markham, Jr. was placed before the board for consideration. Mr. Markham then stated he could not serve. Then Mr. Hart stated he would volunteer to serve on this committee. Mr. Humphrey then moved, seconded by Mr. Markham, to name Paul C. Hart as the Selectmen's representative to the Open Campus Study Committee. A unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen appoint one of its members to serve on the School Open Campus Study Committee.

A letter was received from Rev. Ned C. Watts, in which he requested that the town consider the installation of a sidewalk to extend from the lower driveway of the South Row School to the upper driveway of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. It was decided to request that the Acting Supt. of Streets forward a cost estimate for this project to the Selectmen.

Request received for installation of a sidewalk

It was also decided to obtain data from the School Department relating to their suggestions for future sidewalk installation work, with the list to be set up with a priority basis in mind.

School Dept. requested to prepare list of sidewalk needs.

A discussion then followed regarding a letter received from the Town Accountant in which he stated that in some cases the raises granted by town meeting vote exceeded the guidelines as set forth by the Federal Pay Board. It was believed that requests should be sent to the Internal Revenue Service to obtain approval to make payments in certain cases, and that information should also be obtained regarding payment of retroactive pay to Jan. 1, 1972. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with Mr. Blackadar, Town Accountant, to decide what steps should now be taken to resolve these questions.

Discussion follows re: payment of salary raises and retroactive pay.

Mr. Lannan then read a memorandum prepared by the Chelmsford Welfare Director in which information was made available that a study is now underway for the transfer of the local Welfare Offices from the Center Town Hall to locations in either Lowell or Billerica. Mr. Lannan expressed much concern about this proposal and possible change; stating that it could cause much hardship and inconvenience on town residents who are serviced by the local office. Mr.

Information received that Welfare Office may be moved.

Selectmen urge state officials to keep local Welfare Dept. Office open.

Lannan stated that the board should appeal to the state Welfare Commissioner Steven A. Minter, with copies to the Regional Director, and Secretary for Human Affairs, to protest this plan, and to urge that these officials maintain the local office. Mr. Hart suggested that letters be sent to the state Senator and Representative to ask that they help the board to keep this office in operation. Each member of the board concurred with this plan.

Board requests that cost estimates and suggestions for new Memorial Sign.

Mr. Hart then reported that he had conferred with Mr. Walter Belleville, Sr. regarding the request the board had received that a more appropriate memorial sign be prepared and installed on the Common at South Chelmsford in honor of his son, a deceased member of the Armed Forces of World War II. It was decided to instruct the Acting Supt. of Streets to seek cost estimates, and suggestions how the sign can be secured to a post so that acts of vandalism and theft will be discouraged in the future. Mr. Hart stated that Mr. Belleville did want to have the bronze type sign, rather than the present aluminum type.

Registrar of Voter appointed.

Mr. Hart then inquired as to the procedures to be followed for the needed changes to be made in the roster of the Board of Registrars. He explained that since the Annual Town Election the equal representation of the two major political parties no longer exists and adjustments are now required. Mr. Humphrey moved, and Mr. Hart then seconded the motion, for appointment of Edward H. Hilliard of 3 Gifford Lane as a Registrar of Voters, for a three-year term, to expire March 1974. Mr. Doody asked the board members if a delay in such appointment would now be advisable to allow the board time to inquire from Robert J. Noble, a former Registrar, if he would be willing to serve again, and then to confer with other Registrars to effect the needed changes. This suggestion by Mr. Doody did not receive the concurrence of other members. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote on Mr. Humphrey's motion. Those who voted in favor included Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan. Mr. Doody abstained. This appointment was made after the board received a letter of application from Mr. Hilliard.

Adm. Assist. for Selectmen, Town Counsel, and Street Supt. appointed.

Then the following-mentioned appointments were made on motions by Mr. Humphrey and seconded by Mr. Hart; and all voted unanimously:

1. Alfred H. Coburn, as Administrative Assistant for the Board of Selectmen. (Term expires: 3/1973.)
2. Clement McCarthy, as Town Counsel. (Term expires: 3/1973.)
3. Louis R. Rondeau, as Superintendent of Streets in the Highway Dept. (Term expires: 3/1973.)

Discussion held re: appointment of Supt. of Streets.

Mr. Markham inquired if the appointment of Mr. Rondeau as Supt. of Streets would be permanent, and he also asked about the aspect of having an appointee with an engineering background. Mr. Humphrey replied that the appointment would be for one year, and the subject of a qualification as engineer could be a subject of study by the new Charter Commission. Mr. Humphrey also paid a compliment to Mr. Rondeau for the manner in which he had operated the Highway Department over the past few months. Mr. Markham then stated he would support the appointment.

Discussion held regarding plans to set up Home Rule Advisory Committee.

Mr. Humphrey spoke on the plans to appoint a Home Rule Committee and he said that suggestions had been made in the past that the town should endeavor to have a strong Home Rule Committee. Mr. Humphrey proposed a plan to send an inquiry to Mr. William R. Murphy to see if he would be willing to serve the town in this capacity, and to inform him of the reasons the board makes this inquiry. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that this inquiry be sent to Mr. Murphy. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan commented that the board does now need a Home Rule Committee now that so much legislative material comes to the Selectmen from the Mass. Selectmen's Assn. and the League of Cities and Towns. Mr. Hart suggested that this be done as such a committee can be beneficial to the town. Mr. Humphrey commented that Mr. Murphy was asked earlier if he would serve, but at that time did not accept, but he might reconsider now. Also Mr. Humphrey reminded the board that the Town Meeting, by a prior vote of approval, had authorized and directed that a Home Rule Committee be established. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Humphrey then introduced the recommendation that the Selectmen plan to amend the format of their meetings to include a period of time at the conclusion of each meeting for the press reporters to ask questions about the business of the evening, and to clarify items not clearly understood. Other members of the board agreed that this was a very worthwhile suggestion. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the Selectmen devote a period of ten minutes at the conclusion of its meeting to allow the reporters to ask questions, and to hold an open forum for the press, and this plan to commence immediately. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Selectmen approve plan for reporters to be given time to ask questions.

Mr. Lannan asked the board members if they would want to take action on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles at this time. It was agreed that this should be done this evening. The action taken under various articles follows:

1. Under Article 10: ReZoning, East Chelmsford, to Shopping District: Approved, as the town does need the income.
2. Under Article 11: ReZoning, East Chelmsford, to Residential District: Disapproved, as the Industrial classification should be retained. It was decided to request the Industrial Commission to speak on this subject so that the voters will know of their views and recommendations.
3. Under Article 22: ReZoning, North Road, to Shopping District: Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan were in favor of approving the plan. Mr. Hart asked that the board delay its decision pending knowledge of feelings of the School Committee. Mr. Markham expressed disapproval as he felt the area of North Road should be retained as residential, and new commercial business could locate at the Fields Shopping Area. Thus a majority of the board approved passage of the article.
4. Under Article 30: Zoning, control of Barn & Yard Sales. Approved.
5. Under Article 31: Adoption of By-Law; Snow Removal from Sidewalks. Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Hart disapproved the proposal and Mr. Lannan and Mr. Markham approved.
6. Under Article 32: ReZoning, To Single Residence. Farley Brook Road Area. It was decided to not decide this question at this time.
7. Under Article 33: ReZoning, To General Residence. Concord Road Area. It was decided to not decide this question at this time.
8. Under Article 34: Sick Leave By-Law. It was decided to approve article.
9. Under Article 35: Funds for Lowell Assn. of Mental Health. It was decided to approve this article.
10. Under Article 44: ReZoning, Evergreen Street. It was decided to not mak a decision on this matter at this time.
11. Under Article 45: ReZoning, Gorham Street. It was decided to not make a decision on this matter at this time.
12. Under Article 46: Zoning By-Law Amendment, Watershed and Wetlands Subject. It was decided to postpone a decision on this article.
13. Under Article 47: Zoning By-Law Amendment, Watershed and Wetlands Subject. It was decided to postpone a decision on this article.
14. Under Article 48: Zoning By-Law. To control dumping of debris. The board indicated their approval of this article by unanimous opinion.
15. Under Article 49: To Provide Funds for Sanitary Landfill Operation. It was decided to favor the return of funds to the Board of Health as the board felt there was a moral obligation here, as the funds previously provided had been transferred to the Conservation Commission. The board, however, did have reservations as to the advisability of implementing the Sanitary Landfill Operation due to costs and because other alternatives might be available in the near future.

Selectmen discuss various Articles to be acted upon at the Annual Town Meeting.

Then the board opened the meeting to the Press Reporters for questions that might be asked. Both Mrs. Kierce and Mr. House did make inquiries.

Reporters ask questions

The Selectmen approved the naming of John R. Clark, of the EEA Constorium as Supervisor for the Selectmen of the Chelmsford EEA Employees.

EEA Supervisor named

Meeting adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:00 P.M. midnight.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, March 22nd, 1972; 7:15 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Press Reporters were present as follows:
1. Anne Marie Kierce of Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:25 P.M.
2. Marion Dempsey of Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:28 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of Lowell Sun arrived at 7:45 P.M.
All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Ceremony scheduled for signing of a Labor Contract.

It was decided to schedule a ceremony for the signing of the Highway Department Labor Contract for Tuesday evening, March 28th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. since union representatives could not attend a ceremony planned for March 22nd, 1972.

Town Clerk requested to submit explanations for need for legal advice.

A request was received from the new Town Clerk, Mrs. Mary E. St. Hilaire in which she asked for permission to confer with the Town Counsel, for legal advice, as needed from time to time. It was agreed that it would be best to instruct her to make such requests in writing to the board for each individual subject, as there may be instances that the board can assist her with a direct answer without need for contacting the Town Counsel.

Insurance Agency asks that "No Fault" certificate be executed.

A request was received from the William J. Hennessy Insurance Agency that a certificate be completed relating to the 1972 Automobile No Fault Policy. It was decided to forward the subject to the Insurance Advisory Committee for their recommendations since the subject involving the Property Damage Coverage is a new method of insuring certain town vehicles.

Supt. of County Training School offers words of appreciation for help given.

Letters were received from the Supt. of the Middlesex County Training School in North Chelmsford to thank both the Police and Fire Departments for their recent help when called at times of emergencies. It was decided to forward the letters to the Police and Fire Chiefs with commendations also from the Selectmen for the excellent work accomplished, and to ask that the letters be placed on the departmental bulletin boards for the personnel to read, and that the press should be presented photocopies of the letter concerning the aid given by the Fire Department.

Labor Contract for Fire Dept. employees signed.

At about 7:20 P.M. a ceremony was held with members of the Fire Department for the signing of a Labor Agreement between the town and the union for the Fire Dept. personnel. Those present included Chief Frederick H. Reid, Captain Allen Mello and Firemen James Cutter, Alvin Wetmore and Ronald Sawicki. All parties signed the agreements and then photographs were taken of this event.

Housing Authority Contract signed.

A contract was executed by the Selectmen in behalf of the agreement between the Town, and the Housing Authority and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Community Affairs. Prior to signing the document, the Town Counsel had been requested to study the document and he reported that it would be proper for the board to execute. The contracts will now be forwarded to the Chelmsford Housing Authority Members for signing, after which it will be sent to the state agency

Street Light installations approved.

The board approved the properation of a Street Light Order for installation of three regular-type lights on Pole No. 8 on Spaulding Road, and on Poles No. 35 and 37, on Garrison Road.

Fire Chief requested to be present and speak at Town Meeting.

It was decided that instructions should be sent to the Fire Chief, Frederick H. Reid, to ask that he plan to be present and speak at the Annual Town Meeting relating to Articles 52, 53, and 54, pertaining to the proposed site for a Fire Station at East Chelmsford.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7th, 1972. No action was taken on the minutes of meeting of March 14th, 1972, in order to allow the members more time to read the material.

Minutes accepted, an other minute not acted upon.

A letter was received from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission in which the new quotas were listed for granting of alcoholic beverage licenses. It was decided to receive applications for new licenses to be granted in accordance with the new quotas established based on 1971 population figures.

New Liquor License Quot information received.

A letter was received from the Addelco Corporation to ask that the board consider the issuance of a franchise for cable television in Chelmsford to that firm. The members discussed the subject and decided that no such action would be taken at this time and not until the board received guidelines and procedures to be followed from the state regulatory agency. It was also decided to so notify the Addelco Corporation that the board would not entertain such applications until the guidelines are received.

Application received for Cable Television franchise.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons as Weighers of Merchandise for the Southwell Combing Company; (All terms to expire: 3/1973.)

1. Alfred Ducharme,
2. George Fournier,
3. Ted Magiera,
4. James Rbinson,
5. Paul Westwood,
6. Edward Whitworth,

Weighers of Merchandise appointed.

A letter was received from Mrs. Lois N. Whitmeyer of 3 Purcell Drive, in which she informed the board that an inquiry had already been sent to the Marinel Transportation Company to determine if bus service could be extended to South Chelmsford. She outlined a plan which she stated might result in improved service to another part of the town, and which might not cost the company very much in added expense, and that revenues might improve. It was decided to forward a request to the transportation company to ask that they make a survey and then make written reply to the board of their comments. The board also decided to ask the company if they will approve the suggestions made by Mrs. Whitmeyer, at no extra cost to the town, and if so, the board will appreciate their cooperation as the board would like to see the service extended.

Letter received regarding suggestion that additional bus servic be considered.

In the same letter Mrs. Lois N. Whitmeyer commented that the suggestions made at the Annual Town Meeting to allow the Dog Officer to receive fees for dogs picked up when allowed to run free, and in violation of the Dog Leash Law, might be a good plan to adopt. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a conference be planned in the near future with the Town Counsel and Dog Officer to determine what procedures can be followed to implement a plan for fines to be levied against dog owners who violate the by-law. It was finally decided to plan such a conference for April 4th, 1972 at 8:00 P.M.

Conference planned with Town Counsel and Dog Officer to discuss plan to control dogs.

A letter was received from the Board of Health in which they requested that the Town Engineer determine the Lowell-Chelmsford boundary line at the Lowell Incinerator as there might be a possibility that dumping of debris may be occuring on Town of Chelmsford property, at or near the Incinerator. Mr. Lannan reported that a conference is planned for Friday morning, March 24th, 1972 at the Lowell City Hall, with Lowell and Chelmsford officials to discuss a number of subjects, and this could be considered as one of the subjects of discussion. It was agreed to take no action on this request of the Board of Health until the conference is held. Mr. Markham stated that it might be advisable to have bounds placed on Stedman Street, to mark the boundary line, for future reference as the area has been covered with debris in the past. Mr. Markham also commented about the damage to tires of our town trucks when they must go into rear of Incinerator property to dump their loads, and this causes much unnecessary expense to the town. Mr. Humphrey commented that the contract with Lowell calls for use of the incinerator, and not a requirement that our trucks dump in an open space area, where tire damage could occur. Mr. Lannan agreed to mention this subject at the forthcoming conference.

Board of Health requests that Lowell-Chelmsford boundary be established

Conference planned with Lowell Officials re: problem at Lowell Incinerator

Board of Health requests legal opinion from Town Counsel re: Landfill By-Law Proposal.

A letter was received from the Board of Health to ask that they be permitted to consult with the Town Counsel to ask questions concerning the present proposal for town by-law, under Article 48, to control Land Fill Operations. The Board of Health inquired as to whether town departments would be excluded in these requirements, if voted. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the by-law, as proposed, be amended at town meeting to exclude town departments, and he suggested that the Selectmen do this, to save the town the cost of a legal ruling from the Town Counsel. This plan was approved by the board.

Selectmen appoint Representatives from Board of Health to two committees.

Notice was received from the Board of Health of their approval for appointments to be made by the board to fill membership requirements on the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee and the Drug Abuse Study Committee. The Selectmen then acted on the recommendations of the Board of Health as follows:

1. Peter Dulchinos to serve as a member of the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee.
2. Thomas W. Morris to serve as a member of the Drug Abuse Study Committee.

Conference with state Representative Rourke to discuss merits of legislation to establish a Regional Transportation authority.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with Representative Raymond F. Rourke of Lowell, to discuss House Bill No. 4319, relating to a Proposal to create regional transportation authorities in sections of the Commonwealth, and specifically one to be established in the Greater Lowell Area. The Selectmen had learned of this legislation from Speaker David Bartley of the House of Representatives, and Speaker Bartley had asked that the board consider the bill, and to lend their support to its passage. The Selectmen then invited Rep. Rourke to explain the merits of the bill, as he was listed as a co-sponser to the legislation. Mr. Lannan greeted Rep. Rourke and invited him to eplain the various aspects of the bill and what it might do to help our area. Rep. Rourke spoke for some period of time and explained many parts of the bill. He stated that there are actually two bills before the legislators; one filed and sponsered by the Governor and Bill No. 4319, the one co-filed by Speaker Bartley and Rep. Rourke. He stated the two bills are somewhat similar, but the method of financing are different. Both bills would set up authorities; (Bill No. 4319 calls for eight regional transportation authorities and the Governor's bill would call for nine. The regional bills would be similar to the MBTA and if adopted Federal Funding would be possible. Bill No. 4319 would provide some twenty million in funding and the Governor's Bill would provide fifteen million. In the past a number of similar bills have been considered by state legislators, but the MBTA would influence voting to such a degree that they did not pass, as the MBTA did not want to compete with other state transporation authorities for federal funding. Now there might be less interference by the MBTA as the Governor has requested the bill be debated on its own merits. Rep. Rourke stated that private carriers can obtain financil help under the new plans, and they are protected, when the regional transportation system begins to operate. Rep. Rourke then explained some of the procedures that would be used to establish the Board of Directors, and he listed the communities which would comprise the Greater Lowell Region, such as Lowell, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Billerica, Westford and Tyngsboro, and the service would consist of surface buses, and the Regional District would not be faced with such large expenses as the MBTA as there would be no underground or elevated lines. Rep. Rourke stated that Bill No. 4319 gives control to local officials whereas the Governor's Bill gives much power to the Secretary of Transportation, and Rep. Rourke expressed his opposition to this plan, and especially to a total veto power over budget items by the Secretary. In Bill No. 4319, the Advisory Board would regulate the fares, but in the Governor's Bill, the DPU would do this. It was stated that in the event of operating deficits, Bill No. 4319 would set forth a plan for the seven communities to pay on a proportionate rate through the real estate tax to make up the deficit. It was explained that the Advisory Board would be made up of the Lowell Mayor and a Selectman from each of the towns, and they would set up the Authority, and that a municipality can withdraw from the service, but not from the responsibility of supporting the authority. It was further stated that it might be advisable for the board to seek and obtain the consensus of opinions of town residents to determine if they would want the town to join the authority. Various questions were asked by board members and Mr. Hart asked if the town would be required in anyway to pay for MBTA deficit or operating costs under these bills, and Mr. Rourke stated there would be no MBTA charges. Mr. Hart asked about Eminent Domain land takings and Mr. Rourke explained that this aspect would not directly affect Chelmsford as the MBTA garages in Tewksbury could be used and there would be no need to seek other land areas. Mr. Rourke also stated that at the present time there are no MBTA costs to Lowell for the Boston-to-Lowell train service, as there are sufficient riders and revenue to offset the costs. Mr. Humphrey inquired if there would be an option for the town to have a private carrier or have the public authority. Mr. Rourke explained that a town would probably want the services of the authority, but it would not be the large entity such as the MBTA. Then cost ratio figures were cited for the present MBTA and what is planned under this bill, and that the ideal plan is for the user to pay the larger share of costs. Mr. Humphrey asked if the state would help pay any deficits and Mr. Rourke stated he would doubt this. Mr. Humphrey asked if Mr. Rourke would like to have our legislators support this Bill No. 4319, and Mr. Rourke replied in the affirmative, stating it would allow us to present our plan to the people. Mr. Doody commented that it appeared the Bill No. 4319 is superior to the one of the Governor. Rep. Rourke explained that after the study of these bills by the Ways & Means Committee, one bill will result, combining what is hoped to be the best aspects of each bill. Mr. Doody asked if Chelmsford is not a participant, what happens to our private carrier. Rep. Rourke stated that the carrier, under the terms of the legislation, could sue. Mr. Markham asked how soon these bills will be considered, and Rep. Rourke stated it would be very soon. Mr. Markham asked questions about the present railroad service, and any deficits to the town. It was stated that no deficits have resulted so far as the revenue has been sufficient to meet the costs. Then the board made certain recommendations to Rep. Rourke for some changes in the proposed bill, such as a requirement that the Boards of Selectmen should have the authority to appoint their own representative to the Advisory Board, and that another phrase relating to the "removal of board member" should be revised, to read that the change would be acted upon by the Boards of Selectmen. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously that the Selectmen go on record as favoring the passage of Bill No. 4319, as explained by Rep. Rourke, with the several changes as recommended by the board, and that letters be forwarded to Speaker David Bartley and Senator MacKenzie and Rep. Freeman. Then the conference ended and Rep. Rourke departed. It was agreed also that a letter of appreciation should now be sent to Rep. Rourke to thank him for meeting with the board to explain the merits of this important piece of legislation.

Conference continues with Rep. Rourke re: proposed legislation for establishment of Regional Transportation Authorities.

Selectmen vote to favor passage of legislation.

A letter was received from the Lexington Bicentennial Committee and the 1975 Concord Celebrations Committee, to ask that the Selectmen name a representative to attend future meetings to plan a 1975 Middlesex County Celebration. It was decided to inquire from our own Bicentennial Committee who is serving as Chairman, and if he would like to be named the representative to the county committee.

Request received for naming of a representative to 1975 County Celebrations Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Raymond Dozois, of 84 Middlesex Street, and James E. Fantozzi, as members of the Memorial Day Committee for 1972, to both be representatives from the American Legion Post 313.

Memorial Day Committee Members Appointed.

A letter was received from the Police Department with suggestions for locations to be established for School Safety Zones, at the various schools, and that crosswalks be painted. It was decided to ask the Planner for the Highway Department to draw up the necessary maps for making a request to the state, under new legislation, so that the town can take advantage of new state aid. Questions were asked about having a School Safety Zone on Acton Road, not far from the Byam School, where a flashing-warning sign is planned, and which was not included in the list presented by the Police Dept. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with the Police Chief to obtain a recommendation for this location.

Police Chief recommends certain locations as school safety Zones.

Member of Board of Registrars Appointed.

A letter was received from Mr. Robert J. Noble, of 4 Castlewood Drive, in which he indicated to the board he would be willing to serve on the Board of Registrars once again. He had resigned earlier in order to seek election to town positions. Inasmuch as a vacancy now existed on the board, Mr. Doody moved that Robert J. Noble be nominated as a member of the Board of Registrars as a Republican is now needed to balance the roster. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan asked if there would be any other nominations, and none were presented, by the other four members of the board. In the vote to to close the nominations four voted in favor and Mr. Humphrey abstained. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the majority to appoint Robert J. Noble as a member of the Board of Registrars, (Term to expire: 3/1975) Mr. Humphrey abstained. Mr. Markham expressed the thought that it was most unfortunate that Mrs. Dorothy Borrows, whose term expires during March 1972, could not be reappointed, in that she had served the town for many years, but now the membership of the board must be adjusted to meet statutory requirements. It was decided to forward a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Borrows for her service to the town, and to inform her that the action taken this evening was not by choice, nor wish of the board, but to meet legal requirements.

Contract awarded for purchase of a Fire Dept. Vehicle.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to award the contract for the purchase of a three-quarter ton pickup Truck for the Fire Department to the Hallissy Chevrolet Company for the sum of $3,988.00 per low bid received, and per recommendations received from the Fire Chief.

Contract awarded for purchase of Police Dept. Vehicles.

On a motion by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to award the contract for the purchase of five Police Department Cruisers to the Hallissy Chevrolet Company for the sum of $9,584.00, per low bid received, and per recommendations received from the Police Chief.

State Civil Service requests data from the Selectmen

A letter was received from the state Civil Service asking that the Selectmen forward recommendations for Height and Weight specifications for future appointments to the Police and Fire Service for the town. It was decided to await reports of recommendations from both the Police and Fire Chiefs before forwarding the information to the Director of Civil Service.

Member of Board of Appeals Apptd.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to re-appoint Mrs. Velma Munroe as a member of the Board of Appeals, for a five year term to expire: 3/1977.

Alternate Members of Board of Appeals Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to re-appoint Robert L. Kydd and S. Robert Monaco, as Alternate Members of the Board of Appeals, both terms to be for one year, and to expire: 3/1973.

Discussion held and requests made that various groups speak on ReValuation Article at Special Town Meeting.

A letter was received from the Selectmen's Committee to Study the Question of ReValuation and information was received by the board as to recommendations of the committee, concerning the Special Town Meeting article to delay implementation of the revaluation plans as the town might not receive considerable state aid if the plan commenced. The ReValuation Committee indicated that, in their opinion, the article should be dismissed. Mr. Humphrey asked that a letter be forwarded to the Selectmen's ReValuation Committee to urge the group to speak on this subject at the Special Town Meeting, and that also a request should be sent to the Board of Assessors to ask them to speak and present their views. Mr. Doody agreed with this suggestion, and the board then agreed not to ask for dismissal of the article, but to allow a discussion on the subject, so that the voters will learn all the ramifications of the subject of revaluation. It was also agreed that a copy of the report of the ReValuation Committee should be forwarded to the Town Counsel so that the recommendations will be available to him, if needed.

Legal Opinion rec'd. re: Sewer Commission Consultant.

A legal opinion was received from the Town Counsel relating to Article 43A of the Annual Town Meeting, in which the Sewer Commission would be directed to engage consultants to study the alternatives to a sewer system. The Commissioners had asked certain questions about the legality of such an article. The Selectmen, after discussion, decided that the article should be amended to use the word "recommend" rather than to require the Commissioners to act in this manner.

The Selectmen then signed a character reference for five Incorporators of the Charitable Gourmets, Inc., located at 5 Hitchin'post Road, as follows:

1. Arthur H. Levin, 5 Hitchin'post Road, 3. Melvin Starr, 16 Fairbanks Rd.,
2. Kenneth A. Kipnes, 1 Samuel Road, 4. Martin Ames, 3 Waco Circle
5. Stephen Weiner, 7 Pennock Road,

The report was signed after receipt of a character and police report had been received from the Police Chief.

Character reference signed.

Resignations were received from Election Officers, as follows:

1. Mrs. Edna House, Inspector for Precinct 5.
2. Mrs. Ann L. DeAngelis, Deputy Warden for Precinct 6.

It was decided to send letters of appreciation to each of these persons.

Election Officers resign.

A letter was received from the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company, relating to a personal injury case of Andrew Boumil vs. Anton's Cleaners, stating that the Lumbermen's company would look to the town for settlement of the case due to sidewalk injuries. It was decided to forward the document to the Town Counsel for his study and attention.

Notice received re: Personal Injry Case.

A letter was received from the Police Chief in which it was recommended to not place certain traffic warning signs on Graniteville Road, to read "Slippery When Wet," as requested by Mrs. Jack D. Hadley of School Street. It was decided to notify Mrs. Hadley of the reasons for this decision, and to state that the town does plan to make road repairs in the near future to Graniteville Road, which may alleviate certain dangers.

Police Dept. recommend that certain signs not be installed on Graniteville Road.

The Selectmen acted favorably on the recommendations of the Environmental Advisory Committee, received previously at a conference with the board, relating to the future work to be done in 1972 for the Moth and Dutch Elm Control Departments. Specific recommendations were made for the 1972 Spraying Season, and it was decided to so notify the Moth Supt. that the board did concur with the various suggestions, and if the Moth Supt. had any further questions, they should be submitted to the Selectmen immediately.

Board concurs with recommendations of EAC for Spraying by Moth Dept

A report was received from the Police Department in which recommendations were made for the installation of two billboard type signs and sections of metal guard rails, along Boston Road, at curve, between Warren Avenue and Hall Road, where numerous accidents had occurred. The state DPW had earlier made these original suggestions. It was decided to forward the information to the Supt. of Streets so that he could determine the cost of such signs, and guard rail, and to learn if the property owners would approve such installations, in the interests of public safety.

St. Supt. to determine sign and guard rail costs and reaction of abutters on Boston Road

A letter was received from the Commissioner of the state Department of Corporations & Taxation in which he requested that the town furnish to him the amounts of uncollected taxes and accounts at time of election of the new Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, so that amount of fidelity and surety bond can be determined, as a separate bond must now be prepared. It was decided to forward this matter to the Town Accountant so that he may inform the board of the needed figures.

State Agency requests amount of outstanding taxes and accounts.

A letter was received from Mr. William R. Murphy, of 10 Hack Road, in which he indicated to the board that he would be willing to accept an appointment and serve on the Home Rule Advisory Committee. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint William R. Murphy as a member of the Home Rule Advisory Committee. (Term to expire: 3/1973.)

Appointment made to Home Rule Advisory Committee.

It was also decided to send letters of inquiries to three past members of the Home Rule Advisory Committee, and to three applicants for appointment to this same committee, to learn if they would be willing to accept a new appointment.

Letters of inquiry to be sent re: service on Home Rule C.

Town Forest Committee requests legal advice from Town Counsel.

The board took action on the request of Mr. Martin K. Bovey for permission to engage the services of the Town Counsel to obtain advice as to adoption of proper regulations to gain control over use of snow mobiles on Town Forest Property. The Selectmen approved this request.

Application received for Liquor License.

An application with supporting papers, was received from the Eastgate Liquor Mart, Inc., at 286 Rear Chelmsford Street, in a building to be constructed, for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License. The board instructed the Adm. Assist. to check the application and if found to be in order, and complete, to advertise same and set up a Public Hearing which will be conducted.

Character reference requested.

A request was received from the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth for a character reference for Incorporators of the Greater Lowell Theater Company, Inc. It was decided to forward the subject to the Police Chief for a character and police report inasmuch as the persons named on the docments are not known to the board members.

Letter of inquiry to be sent to applicant for Gas Storage License where no work has commenced.

Mr. Lannan then spoke on the subject of a Gasoline Storage License which had been granted during the Fall of 1971 to Tec-Con, Inc., on Drum Hill Road, and which has not been exercised. He asked that a letter be sent to the company to learn when the license will be used. Mr. Humphrey asked that the company inform the board of a firm date when work will commence, inasmuch as the board had tried to act quickly at the time to accomodate the applicant. Four members of the board approved this suggestion but Mr. Markham indicated he did not approve the sending of such an inquiry, as the board should allow the applicant more time.

Annual Appointments made by the Selectmen.

At this point the board made various Annual Appointments listed as follows:

On motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint: Arnaud R. Blackadar, as Town Accountant, for three years. (Term exp: 3/75)
Ellsworth J. Baldwin, as Janitor at Center Town Hall. (Term exp: 3/1973)
Leroy K. Fielding, as Janitor at Police Station, (Term exp: 3/1973)

Mr. Hart moved to appoint Myles F. Hogan as Moth Supt. Mr. Lannan moved that the subject be held. The board voted on this request unanimously and no further action on this appointment followed at this time.

On motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint: Frank J. Wojtas, as Dog Officer, (Term expires: 3/1973.)
Peter J. McHugh, Jr. as Building Inspector, (Term expires: 3/1973.)
Harold M. Tucke, Jr., as Wiring Inspector, (Term expires: 3/1973.)

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted to hold on the subject of appointment of a Gas Inspector. This was voted unanimously.

On motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint: Martin K. Bovey as a Member of the Town Forest Committee. (Term exp:3/75)
George E. Baxendale as Veterans Grave Officer: (Term exp: 3/1973.)
Members of the Veterans Emergency Fund Committee as follows; with all terms to expire: 3/1973; and each precinct to be represented:

For Precinct 1: George S. Archer,
For Precinct 2: John P. Emerson, Jr.,
For Precinct 3: James Walker,
For Precinct 4: John J. McNulty,
For Precinct 5: George F. Waite,
For Precinct 6: Alfred H. Coburn,
For Precinct 7: Thomas A. Ennis,
For Precinct 8: Kenneth A. Cooke,
For Precinct 9: Peter J. Saulis,
For Precinct 10: Donald A. House,
For Precinct 11: Gerard A. Vayo,
For Precinct 12: Edward Baron.

On motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint: Robert M. Hood, George R. Dixon and Thomas E. Firth, Jr. as members of the Honor Roll Committee. (Term exp: 3/1973.)
Terrence E. O'Rourke as Veterans' Agent.(Term exp: 3/1973.)
Reginald Furness and Richard D. Harper as Fence Viewers, (Terms to expire: 3/1973.)

On a motion by Mr. Hard, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to hold on the appointment of the members of the Civil Defense Committee, and no further action was taken on these appointments at this time.

The board then discussed the appointments to the Industrial Development Commission and Mr. Doody suggested that letters be forwarded to Mr. Charles H. Mercer and Mr. Paul A. Desmond to dtermine if they would be willing to serve again. This was agreed by the other board members. Then on a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Robert E. Sayers as a member of the Industrial Development Commission. (Term to exoire: 3/1975.) Also on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to appoint James M. Harrington as a member of the Industrial Development Commission, (Term expires: 3/1973) to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Hebert Pitta, Jr.

Appointments made to Industrial Development Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Jane S. McKersie of 8 GristoneRoad, as a member of the Conservation Commission. (Term to expire: 3/1975.) Also on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Lorraine A. Shea, of 24 Wildes Road, as a member of the Conservation Commission, (Term to expire: 3/1975)

Appointments made to Conservation Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Recreation Commission; (all terms to expire: 3/1973.)

1. Harry J. Ayotte,
2. James F. Gannon,
3. Haworth C. Neild,
4. Ralph B. Nolet, Jr,
5. Donald J. Cleary.
6. William A. Dempster, Jr.,
7. Paul W. Murphy,

It was decided to also send letters of appreciation to each member for the splendid work and accomplishments of the Recreation Commission in the past.

Recreation Commission Members Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Gerald J. Lannan as a member of the Ration Board, to represent the Board of Selectmen. (Term to expire: 3/1973.)

It was decided to hold the subject of appointment of a member to the Ration Board to represent the Civil Defense Committee. This was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Paul MacMillan as a member of the Ration Board (Term to expire: 3/1973) to represent the Welfare Department.

Appointments made to Ration Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Hart , seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Community Action Advisory Committee, (All terms to expire: 3/1973:)

1. Ruth E. Beliyeau,
2. Rev. Harry A. Foster,
3. H. Francis Wiggin,
4. Henry J. Tucker, Jr.,
5. Gerard A. Vayo,
6. Evelyn McMahon,
7. Theresa McCaul,
8. Thelma C. Stallard,

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Paul C. Hart, as a member of the Community Action Advisory Committee to represent the Board of Selectmen. (Term expires: 3/1973.) It was also decided to inquire from the committee for their recommendations for name of a nominee to fill vacancy inasmuch as former member, Erwin L. Brown, now is not a resident of the town.

Appointments made to Community Action Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to appoint Robert C. Spaulding and George A. Parkhurst as members of the Historical Commission. (Terms to expire: 3/1975.) Also on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Robert J. Wolfgang, of 144 Parker Road, as a member of the Historical Commission, (Term to expire: 3/1975.)

Appointments made to Historical Commission

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unimously to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Council on Aging, (All terms to expire: 3/1973.)

1. Lillian E. Gould,
2. Otis W. Gould,
3. Louise Bishop,
4. William H. Clarke,
5. Mary K. McAuliffe,
6. George Marchand, Jr.
7. Mary V. Gagnon,

Appointments made to Council on Aging.

Notice to be sent to the Renn Central Railroad Company to inspect and make necessary repairs to railroad road bed.

Mr. Hart then introduced the subject of present condition of the Penh Central Railroad Company property from the Lowell City Line to the Westford Town Line and he stated that there are rotted ties, and missing spikes, and work is needed to improve the road bed, and all of which combined could be a public safety problem, and a danger to the town and to personal property as trains could be derailed, and if so, at areas near Chelmsford Center, where many business and commercial properties are located, the damage could be severe. He asked that a letter be sent to the Penn Central Co. to call their attention to these conditions. He then moved that the notice be sent, and Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Further discussion and conference to be held re: Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Mr. Hart then spoke on the subject of continuing a discussion and deliberations for changing of agents for the Workmen's Compensation Insurance. He stated that he felt the subject should be investigated further and that it would be best to confer with representatives of the Picken Insurance Agency, as it is advisable to have local agents handle the town's insurance business. Mr. Lannan then read from a recent letter received from the Picken Company in which they offered a plan to represent the town. It was decided to meet with Mr. Picken and members of the Insurance Advisory Committee to discuss the subject further on Tuesday evening, March 28th, 1972 at 8:30 P.M. This plan was approved by all members.

Contracts awarded for purchase of equipment for Highway Department.

Then a series of motions followed; all made by Mr. Humphrey, and seconded by Mr. Hart, and all voted unanimously to award contracts for the purchase of various pieces of equipment for the Highway Department; as follows:

1. For a Front End Loader, to State Equipment Co. for $18,855.00, the second low bid, but deemed to be a better piece of machinery than that offered by the low bidder, and
2. For a Sweeper Broom, to Casey & Dupuis Equipment Co. for $18,732.00, the low bid, and
3. For a Dump Truck, to Jim Pierce's Ford World, for $8,128.00, the low bid and
4. For a Truck Chassis for Waste Collections, to Jim Pierce's Ford World, for $11,637.00 , the low bid, and
5. For a Packer Body for Waste Collections, to Gar Wood Boston Transportation Equipment Co. for $6,600.00, the low bid, and
6. For a Spreader, to Casey & Dupuis Equipment Co. for $2,794.00, the second low bid. (The first low bidder's equipment does not meet specifications.)

Plans made to amend Youth Center Article and take same out of order

Mr. Doody then spoke on Article 55, for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant concerning funds for the Youth Center and he explained that due to much participation by young people certain further needs had resulted to keep the center in operation and to protect the school property, and that the committee will ask for a change in the article from $2,500.00 to $4,500.00. The various costs were explained and outlined by Mr. Doody and he urged that prompt action on this article be taken by the voters. It was agreed by all the members that Mr. Doody should request that the voters take the article out of order, so that an early decision and approval can be obtained.

Meeting schedule adopted.

The Board then agreed to adopt the meeting schedule for April 1972 as follows:
Regular meetings to be held on April 4th, 10th, 19th, and 24th, 1972.

Questions asked by reporters.

As the meeting neared conclusion, the Chairman asked the press reporters if they had questions to ask relating to the business of the evening, for purposes of clarification. Several questions were asked.

Meeting adjourns.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:20 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by CHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Jurors Drawn.

On March 28th, 1972, the following-named persons were drawn for Jury Duty by Mr. Lannan:
1. Andrew J. Jacobs, 32 Glen Avenue, For Cambridge Superior Court.
2. Helen S. Fetzer, 7 Drexel Drive, For " " "
3. Deborah M. Gran, 96 Richardson Road, For Lowell Superior Court.
4. John H. Purdon, Jr., 72 Smith St., For Cambridge Superior Court.
5. George Michalides, 4 Seventh Avenue, " " " "

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, March 28th, 1972, 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Doody was unable to be present due to fact that he would be attending a Learning Conference at the Harrington School, at same time as the Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters were present as follows:
1. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly who arrived at 7:20 P.M.
2. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel who arrived at 7:20 P.M.
3. Harold Sullivan of the Radio Station, WCAP of Lowell, who arrived at 7:30 P.M.
4. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun who arrived at 7:35 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Reporters present.

At 7:30 P.M. a ceremony was conducted for the signing of the Highway Department Labor Contract and those present included Mr. Kenneth Gigger, Business Agent of the Union, Mr. Louis R. Rondeau, Supt. of Streets, and members of the Highway Dept. Employee Group, Maurice Teehan, Victor Weaver, Edward Miner, and James Higson. Then photographs were taken of this event.

Highway Labor Contract signed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the meeting of March 14th, 1972. The minutes of the meeting of March 22nd, 1972 were not available to the board at this time.

Minutes Accepted.

It was decided to re-schedule a future meeting of the board from Monday, April 10th to Tuesday, April 11th, 1972 due to probability that the Annual Town Meeting would still be in session.

Future meeting date changed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted to grant a renewal of an Auctioneer's License to Joseph A. Chandonnet, of 16 Waverly Avenue. Fee: $2.00 This action was by unanimous vote.

Auctioneer's License Granted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to name John C. Alden, of 8 Nadine Road, as the Town of Chelmsford Representative to the Committee which will be Planning a 1975 Celebration in Middlesex County, for observances of the Bicentennial Celebrations of the Revolutionary War. The request that the town name a representative to this planning committee was received from the Lexington Bicentennial Committee and the 1975 Celebration Committee of Concord. Mr. Alden was selected for this post inasmuch as he is a member of the Chelmsford Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

Selectmen appoint representative to County Celebration Committee for 1975 Observances.

Approval was granted to the Girl Scout Troop, per request of Mrs. Natalye B. Cease, Troop Leader, for permission for selling of balloons on Memorial Day, and July 4th, observances, at the Purity Parking Lot, and along the parade routes, by certain members of the Troop, and all identified per list on file.

Scout Troop authorized to sell novelties during holiday parades.

A request was received from Mr. John R. Clark, Director of the Emergency Employment Act Office, for information relating to salary and Wage Increases, dates when same will be effective, and if retroactive payments had been approved, by the recent Annual Town Meeting. It was decided to request the Town Accountant to provide the answers to these questions for Mr. Clark.

EEA Director requests budget information.

Letters were received from the Police Chief and the Planner for the Highway Department with the recommendations that no action be taken at this time to install certain "No Parking" signs at Parkhurst Road, and North Road, due to recent problems with traffic control, as church traffic had increased recently. It was learned that the new Church of Christ do plan to install an off-street parking lot and that this facility might solve the present problems. The Selectmen agreed to table this subject now that such information and plans had been explained to town officials.

No action taken at this time to set up "No Parking" areas along Parkhurst R

A letter was received from the Attorney for Mr. Manuel J. Avila in which various questions were asked about the drainage easement to be given to the town.

It was decided to forward the questions to the Street Supt. with a request that he study the inquiry and make suitable reply to the Selectmen.

Inquiry rec'd. re: plans for Drainage Easement.

Rule adoped and approved for regulating Heights & Weights of Fire and Police Forces.

A request was received from the Director of Civil Service in which she asked that the Selectmen indicate their approval of certain Height and Weight specifications for persons eligible to become members of the Fire and Police Forces. Recommendations were received from both the Fire and Police Chiefs and the board then approved the Heights and Weights as follows:

	HEIGHT, Minimum - Maximum.	WEIGHT, Minimum - Maximum,
For Fire Force:	Not less than five feet, seven inches.	Per requirements of State Civil Service Strength Test.
For Police Forec:	Not less than five feet, seven inches.	Not less than 135 lbs. in Weight.

Garden Shop permitted to be open on Sundays

Approval was granted to the W. T. Grant Co., at 288C Chelmsford Street, for the operation of a Garden Shop, commencing April 2nd, 1972, through May 28th, 1972, for six to eight Sundays, in a separate building, for the sale of Garden Products only. The store had been granted similar permission during 1971. Hours of sale to be from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Several applications received for issuance of Liquor Licenses.

The Selectmen received Liquor License Applications as follows:

For All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Stores:

1. Charles Vrouhas, d/b/a Hi-Way Farm Market, at Littleton Road.
2. Matt Doyle, Inc., Matthew J. Doyle, Jr., President, at Concord Road.
3. Ted's Market, Inc., Julia Chianis, Manager, at Chelmsford Street.

For All Alcoholic, Common Victualer:

1. Chelmsford Country Club, Inc., John Thompson, Manager, at Park Road.

The Adm. Assist. was requested to study each application and to process those which are complete and in order for advertising and public hearing.

Request received for assistance to solve drainage problem.

A letter was received from Mr. Edmund C. Benson of 16 Jonathan Lane, in which he requested assistance to solve a drainage problem. It was decided to forward the information to the Supt. of Streets for his review and study, and the board requested that he submit his recommendations to the Selectmen, so that a reply can be forwarded to Mr. Benson at a later date.

Residents protest enlargement of a Day Care Center.

A petition was received from several persons relating to the enlargement of a Day Care Center, for children, at the property of John L. Tumino, of 17 Harold Street, and the petitioners did protest this change and appealed to town officials that permission should not be granted. It was decided to forward the subject to the Building Inspector, with a request that he provide various answers to questions about this business operation. The board asked if the present use of the property is legal, and if a permit had been granted by the Bldg. Inspector in the past, and to forward a report on the entire question. The board also asked if a special permit had not been granted, has this been an illegal operation.

Hearing conducted and board votes to adopt petition for Pole Location

At 8:00 P.M. a hearing was conducted on a petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. for 1 Pole Location on Grove Street, near Summer Street Extension, for purpose of providing street light service, #C-1177, dated 3/6/72. Mr. John Crane of the utility company was present to assist the board. It was explained that the pole was needed for a street light installation, previously authorized by the Selectmen. No abutters were present to object. Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition and it was signed by all members.

Conference held with students of High School regarding Scholarship Fund Drive.

At 8:05 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Donald Pattershall and Mr. Ralph Medico, Co-Chairmen of the Chelmsford High School Key Club Drive for funds for Scholarship Purposes, in conjunction with the efforts of the Chelmsford Kiwanis Club. Mr. Pattershall explained that the group was hopeful to obtain a letter of endorsement from the Selectmen, to be used by solicitors as credentials for the house-to-house canvass for funds. It was stated that a letter would be composed for the board to sign. Mr. Lannan asked that the press representatives make an appeal to local residents to support and help this project. Then photographs were taken for publicity purposes. Mr. Markham then moved that the board now endorse the efforts of this group and service organization as the sponser to this project and that the board would hope that town residents will aid these students in this worthy effort. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Scholarship Fund Drive Endorsed by Selectmen.

An application was received from the South Chelmsford Village Improvement Association for a license to conduct the game commonly called Beano. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to approve the license, provided the the application meets all the criteria outlined in the state statute , and that that the applicants do meet the requirements as set forth in the law. It was requested that the Adm. Assist. study the application and advise the board later if the license forms should be signed. Later, after this study was made, it was decided to forward the subject to the Town Counsel for his opinion, as a question as to qualification did arise.

Application received for License to operate a game called "Beano."

A letter was received from the American Legion, Chelmsford Post 212, Inc., requesting permission to operate a Carnival on land off North Road, near Chelmsford High School, from April 10th, 1972 thru April 15th, 1972, during evening hours and for a matinee on Saturday. It was decided to forward the information to the Police and Fire Chiefs for their recommendations.

Request rec'd. for permission to conduct a Carnival.

Mr. Lannan then spoke on the subject of Revaluation, and the article presented to the voters at the Special Town Meeting of March 27th, 1972, which did not pass, and which would have delayed the implementation of the plan. Mr. Lannan proposed that the Selectmen take a position in this matter, to urge that legislation be passed to correct existing inequities, as the municipalities that presently comply with the Revaluation requirements are penalized by receipt of less state monies, and those municipalities that continue to asses at less than 100%, are favored under the present formulas. Mr. Lannan stated that the present School Aid Fund, the Lottery Fund and the Local Aid Fund are all involved in this matter and the existing formulas should be corrected and he emphasized that the town's 1973 Real Estate Tax could be affected by these conditions. He stated also that Chelmsford has complied and now some type of legislation is needed. He asked if the board would approve the forwarding of letters to the state Senator and Representative to ask that they offer leadership to change the formulas. Mr. Hart stated he would favor the suggestion of Mr. Lannan. Mr. Humphrey then suggested that other communications be sent to the Commissioner of Corporations & Taxation, and to the Governor, and that they be asked to extend the help of their offices to this effort, and to inquire if they do not agree that corrective legislation is certainly now needed. Mr. Lannan suggested that proposed legislation should require the withholding of state revenues to the communities who do not comply with the Revaluation requirements. Mr. Markham then spoke and indicated that he did not favor the article at the Special Town Meeting, and he explained his past positions in this matter, and he added that there would be no change in state receipts until 1973, and by then he would hope the picture would be brighter, and he agreed that the towns, such as Chelmsford, should not be penalized. Mr. Humphrey then commented that in the past ten years the town had not received the state funds, as estimated and predicted, and this was the first time the Assessors have clearly explained their position at the Town Meeting, and he added that Mr. Charles House's presentation was magnificent, and the reasons for the article were to present all aspects to the voters and he stated he felt the article was necessary. It was then agreed that all the letters, mentioned previously, should be sent out.

Board approves sending requests to various state officials to support legislation for changing existing formulas for distribution of state revenues.

Mr. Lannan read a letter received from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, of the state, in which approval was granted for certain restrictions of the use of North Road, by heavy truckers. It was stated that the board must now vote to amend the town's Traffic Rules and Regulations and a suggested amendment was presented to the board for their consideration. It was decided to have the official papers prepared and that the amendment would be approved at the next meeting, and the need for signs would be studied later.

State DPW approves plan to restrict heavy trucking on North Road.

Conference with owners of local Insurance Agency, Members of Insurance Advisory Committee and Employees of an Insurance Company to discuss Workmen's Compensation Insurance Coverage.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Robert E. and Peter C. Picken, of the Picken Insurance Company, and also members of the Insurance Advisory Committee, Messrs. Roger P. Welch, Henrick R. Johnson and Eustace F. Fiske. Also present were Mr. Richard Abele and Mr. Albert Kolber, and Joseph Youngs, of the Utica Ins. Company. The meeting was held to further discuss the subject of changing the agency which will write the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy, effective March 1st, 1972. Mr. Robert Picken explained that he had been an agent, doing business in Chelmsford for many years, that the agency had operated for forty years and they do not write any of the town insurance policies at the present time. He stated that his agency would like to write the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy for the town and he stated he has knowledge of the operation of the town and its departments, and he could offer a good service. He explained that the rates are set by the state, but the dividends can vary and he suggested that the Norcross & Leighton coverage be reviewed. He added that safety corrections are available, and very little has been done to date in the areas of accident prevention, and he cited a case where some six accidents had occurred in the past on the same cafeteria machine in the School Department. He then introduced representatives of the Utica Insurance Company who were present and who would be able to answer questions. Mr. Richard Abele then spoke and stated that he is a resident of Chelmsford, and he stated he could help the town in this matter, as he lives here. He stated also that there are two other Utica representatives who live in the Chelmsford and Westford area, who could assist the town officials. Mr. Abele stated that the Utica Company is a substantial firm, and alreadys insures other muncipalities such as Reading, Bedford, Carlisle, Everett and Auburn, and the company is prepared to do a good job. Mr. Albert Kolber spoke next and informed the board that the company has five engineers who work out of the Waltham office and they could set up a safety program, and this could result in the saving of dollars, with lower rates, through improved and good experience. Mr. Lannan stated that the Selectmen always do try to place town business with town firms and the board did previously renew the compensation policy with the Norcross and Leightton firm, after advice was received from the Insurance Advisory Committee stating that prompt attention to this matter should be taken by the board. Then Mr. Lannan asked the Insurance Advisory Committee Members to report. Mr. Roger P. Welch stated that the two policies were identical, and there could be savings through a re-coding, of jobs, etc., and through safety improvements. He stated that the Picken Agency had already done a service for the town by their inquiry which had resulted with an offer from the Norcross & Leighton Agency to allow further dividends and credits. Mr. Robert Picken then stated that the board might now find it difficult to change agents, since the board had already ordered a renewal of the policy from the present agent. He stated that he would like to be considered for future business, and that a further study is perhaps needed at this time by the Insurance Advisory Committee. He stated that if we cannot obtain this business in 1972, we would hope that the board would consider the Picken Agency in 1973. Then questions were asked about the future premiums. Mr. Hart asked Mr. Fiske, formerly of the Norcross & Leighton Agency, about these costs. Mr. Fiske replied that there might be a premium cost of $2,000.00 less if certain changes developed. Mr. Robert Picken stated that he had not presented any figures, or price quotations yet, but he hoped to be lower than existing costs. Mr. Hart asked if the town should stay with the present agency for a year. Mr. Welch replied that costs, could be high, if there is a short-rate cancellation. Mr. Fiske then advised the board that dividends are due and the town should not pay the present audit bill. Mr. Abele stated that his company would be willing to waive the premium on the present binder. Mr. Humphrey stated that he hoped an arrangement could be worked out so that an award could be given to the Picken Company, and he asked that the Picken Agency furnish a written proposal, and if there is no difference in cost, he would favor the business going to a local agent. He stated that the board should receive a firm proposal from both agencies and then the subject should be forwarded to the Insurance Advisory Committee for their advice, and he asked that the board be informed if there will be a financial loss to the town. Mr. Markham asked questions regarding the dividends, and he suggested that other companies offer proposals and set a closing date for receiving same. Mr. Roger Welch advised the board that it would not be wise to delay this matter any longer.

Then Mr. Joseph Youngs spoke and stated that he was the New Engoand Regional Manager of the Utica Company and he commented that a specialist is needed in this matter so that there will be even bidding. Mr. Henrick R. Johnson suggested to the board that information be obtained regarding the procedures to be followed if a cancellation is placed in effect as this is a significant aspect. Then Mr. Lannan asked that the Insurance Advisory Committee contact the Norcross & Leighton Agency and the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Co. and determine the cancellation procedures they would follow. Mr. Hart commented that it would not be advisable for the board to solicit proposals from other agencies. Mr. Markham repeated his statement that he favored receiving other proposals. Then Mr. Lannan asked that the members be polled on this question. Mr. Lannan asked the question; shall the board solicit other proposals and Mr. Markham spoke in favor, and Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Lannn spoke in opposition. Then Mr. Humphrey asked that a clear, black and white figure be submitted, and a clarification be given of this subject by the Picken Agency, and that the Insurance Advisory Committee submit advice to the board. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the Picken Agency furnish the board with a proposal, for the April 4th, 1972 meeting of the board, and forward this information to the Insurance Advisory Committee, so that a recommendation can be submitted. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Selectmen vote to obtain proposal from Picken Ins. Agency and advice from the Insurance Advis Committee. for Workmen's Compensation Insurance Coverage.

Mr. Lannan then called attention to the board that the Supt. of Streets had been concerned with the number of items that had come to him, for work to be done, beyond the regular work load, and if it now might be advisable for these subjects to come via the Board of Selectmen, and not from the individual members of the board. Mr. Lannan asked if the board would not want to continue the practice of the past, so that it would be clear to the Supt. of Streets where he will receive directions. Mr. Hart then moved to stay with the past practice. Mr. Markham explained that there are times of emergency needs; and he cited the case of severe flooding on Swain Road, and immediate action and attention was needed. Mr. Lannan suggested that a call or two be placed to other board members at such times, as usually a majority can be reached and suitable action taken. Then Mr. Humphrey seconded the earlier motion and it was voted to follow the same procedure as in the past, through the Adm. Assist.

Board to follow past procedures in forwarding instructions to the Supt. of Streets.

At this point Mr. Humphrey asked a series of questions about the subject of plans for implementing the Sanitary Landfill project, and the results of the March 24th, 1972 meeting with City Manager, James Sullivan, at the Lowell City Hall. Mr. Lannan then explained what had been learned at this meeting. He stated that if we left the Lowell Incinerator during June 1972, it was quite evident that Chelmsford cannot return as the City Manager had stated that Dracut and Carlisle are waiting to be serviced, and if they are allowed to use the Incinerator, there would not be any possiblity for Chelmsford to return. He stated that the operating cost is expected to remain at $6.00 per ton to $8.00 per ton, depending on expenses. He stated that the closing time for receiving material at the incinerator will be changed from 3:45 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. and this should help Chelmsford considerably. On the subject of having the town trucks unload at the rear of the facility, Mr. Lannan explained that this was a temporary plan, only during a period of repair work. Mr. Lannan also stated that the city did receive a citation from the state relating to pollution controls, but the citation was placed on file, and they plan to continue to operate as it is mandatory that the waste material be disposed of. Mr. Lannan informed the board that Mr. Robert A. Finnie has asked the other members of the Board of Health to concur with a plan to delay implementation of the Chelmsford Landfill Plan. He explained that the building and bulldozer will be contacted for and the landfill operation will be on a plan for two days per week, and that Article 49 will be amended to a lower sum. Mr. Humphrey stated that he understood that this was the plan and then he inquired about the Highway Dept. funds so that money will be available for going to the Lowell Incinerator until

Discussion held re: future disposal of waste materials at the Lowell Incinerator and delays to implement use of a Sanitary Landfill.

Discussion held re: Sanitary Landfill.

Dec. 31st, 1972, and that it now might be advisable to have the Town Counsel work with the Board of Health to prepare the necessary wording for amending their article. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with the Town Counsel and the Board of Health. Then Mr. Humphrey commended the Board of Health on their decision to delay the implementation of a Sanitary Landfill on a full-time basis.

Congratulatory Letter to be sent to Representative Morse on his recent UN Appointment.

Mr. Humphrey spoke on the recent newspaper releases which indicated that our Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District had recently been appointed as an Undersecretary of the United Nations. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Selectmen forward a letter of congratulations and best wishes to Congressman F. Bradford Morse to recognize this honor which has come to him and to this District. The board agreed that this should be done.

Discussion follows re: filling of land in violation of town regulations.

Mr. Humphrey then brought up the subject of the present conditions of the property of Paul M. and Grace M. Sullivan located at 78 Stedman Street, where much fill, and demolition material has been brought onto the property in violation of town regulations. He asked that the Building Inspector make a complete survey of all that has occurred at this property and report to the Selectmen, and that he should take all the necessary legal action against the owners. Mr. Markham stated that there are health problems and the Board of Health should ask to use the services of the Town Counsel when needed in cases such as this. Mr. Lannan stated that he understood that the Board of Health already aware of this fact. It was agreed finally to follow the suggestions of Mr. Humphrey and request that a thorough investigation of this property be made.

Inquiry to be sent re: insurance survey.

Mr. Humphrey asked that an inquiry be sent to the New England Fire Insurance Rating Bureau to ask when the town insurance survey would be made, inasmuch as the board made initial requests for this survey many months ago.

Insurance Advisory Committee to be informed that bids to be called in the future for all types of town insurance.

Then Mr. Markham moved to inform the Insurance Advisory Committee that the Selectmen would now require that bids be received on all types of insurance prior to the time of renewal and they should prepare the specifications and recommendations relating to the bids that will be solicited. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Humphrey stated he would favor such a plan but he felt the instructions should be spelled out in detail and that sufficient warning should be given to the Selectmen before the renewal date so that there will be ample time in which to call for the bids, and he asked that this plan encompass all types of insurance, such as Health, and Life Plans and the Automobile Insurance. Then a unanimous vote followed.

Survey to be requested for determining Lowell Chelmsford Town Line.

It was agreed to request that the Middlesex County Commissioners make a survey of the Lowell - Chelmsford boundary line in rear of the Lowell Incinerator, and along Stedman Street, and that bounds be placed, per original request of the Board of Health to determine the town boundary line.

Meeting adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

Press directs questions.

At this point the Press Reporters were permitted to direct questions to the board to clarify their news reports.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, April 4th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Markham arrived at approximately 7:45 P.M. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:
1. Harold Sullivan of Lowell Radio Station WCAP arrived at 7:25 P.M.
2. Martha Proudfoot of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Robert Sanchez of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:50 P.M.
4. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:32 P.M. but did not remain at the meeting.

Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Proudfoot and Mr. Sanchez remained at the meeting until time of adjournment

Precautions to be taken to prevent vandalism at recreation area.

Mr. Lannan requested that the instructions be forwarded to the Street Supt. that several loads of gravel should be placed between the two entrance posts to the Roberts Property to prevent further vandalism at this recreation area.

Minutes accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the majority to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 22nd, 1972.

Conference held and votes passed to award the contract for purchase of Workmen's Compensation Insurance Coverage to a local agency.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Robert E. and Peter C. Picken, and members of the Insurance Advisory Committee, Roger P. Welch, Chairman, Henrick R. Johnson and Eustace B. Fiske. Also present was Mr. Richard Abele of the Utica Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Lannan at beginning of this conference read contents of letters received from the Norcross & Leighton and Picken Insurance Agencies in which price quotations and estimates of cost were given for the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Coverage. Mr. Welch then explained the procedures which are used to arrive at the premium figure, and he stated that many factors are involved to completely understand the quotations. He stated that he had made a call to Mr. Robert Gleason of the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Co., who wrote the policy expiring on 3/1/72, to try to understand the figures. He stated that Mr. Gleason informed him that there would be a flat cancellation, provided a binder from a new company had been placed in effect on 3/1/72 and provided that the new carrier will honor all the losses which might have occurred since 3/1/72 to the present date. Mr. Lannan then asked Mr. Welch if the Insurance Advisory Committee would recommend that the Selectmen award the new contract to the Picken Insurance Agency. Mr. Welch stated that since we cannot substantiate any loss to the town, based on information received, it now might be feasible to award to the local agent. Mr. Henrick R. Johnson then explained that as long as the Lumbermen's will not take a short rate cancellation, the town will will apparently not lose anything by making this change. Mr. Fiske was asked if he would approve this change and he replied that it was okay with him. Mr. Humphrey reminded the Chairman that the board should now rescind its previous action, when the board authorized renewal of the policy with the Norcross & Leighton Agency. Mr. Lannan asked for a motion to rescind the past action of the board. Then Mr. Humphrey moved, and Mr. Hart seconded the motion, to rescind the past action of the board in awarding the contract to renew the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy with the Norcross & Leighton Agency, and the Lumbermen's Company. A unanimous vote followed. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the majority to award a contract for the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Coverage to the Picken Insurance Agency, Inc., effective March 1st, 1972.

Local insurance agent requests permission to share in commission distributions

Then Mr. Lannan read a letter which had been received from Mr. John J. Walsh, of 73 Bartlett Street, and a member of the Caddell & Byers Insurance Agency of Lowell, in which he requested that he be allowed to participate in the distribution of insurance commissions in the future, as a result of town insurance business. Mr. Welch then explained the criteria used in the past to determine eligibility and he stated that Mr. Walsh did now qualify due to length of residency in the town and that he was an owner in the agency. Mr. Humphrey asked that the present critéria continue to be used. Mr. Lannan asked if other members of the

Inaurance agent to participate in commission distribution.

Insurance Advisory Committee would concur with Mr. Welch. Mr. Johnson replied that he and Mr. Fiske would agree. Then Mr. Lannan asked the board for a vote to include Mr. Walsh in future divisions of commissions. Mr. Humphrey moved, seconded by Mr. Doody, to authorize the payment of insurance commission distributions to John J. Walsh, and it was voted by the majority present.

Member arrives at meeting.

Mr. Markham arrived at the meeting at this point.

Selectmen vote to amend Traffic Rules and Regulations to restrict Heavy Traffic on North Road during specific hours.

The Selectmen then considered amending the Traffic Rules of the town to place a certain restriction for heavy through trucking on North Road. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously that the Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Chelmsford adopted by the Board of Selectmen on July 6th, 1931 and subsequent amendments thereto, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By adding at the end of Article I, Section 1, the following new definitions:

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE. Any vehicle being used in the transportation of goods, wares or merchandise for commercial purposes.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, HEAVY. Any commercial vehicle of two and one half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) tons capacity or over.

By adding at the end of Article VII, the following new Sections:

Section 34D. Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles

1. The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles, having a carrying capacity of more than two and one half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) tons are hereby restricted on the following named streets, or parts thereof, and in the manner outlined and during the period of time set forth.

   North Road, between Route 3 and Route 495, from 11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

2. Exemptions. Part 1 of this section shall not apply to heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from places upon said streets for the purpose of making deliveries of goods, materials, or merchandise to or similar collections from abutting land or buildings or adjoining streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained; or to vehicles used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of said streets, or public utilities therein; or to Federal, State, Municipal, or public service corporation owned vehicles.

3. Part 1 of this Section shall be effective only during such times as official signs are erected and maintained setting forth its provisions.

Permission granted for conducting of a Carnival.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant permission to the Chelmsford Post 212, Inc., American Legion, to conduct and sponser a Carnival on property off North Road, across from the High School, from April 10th, 1972 thru April 15th, 1972 Inclusive, from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 PM, with a matinee on Saturday. This permission was granted provided the applicant will confer with the Police Chief, prior to April 10th, 1972, to discuss proper police protection . Reports had been received from the Police Chief and Fire Chief about this subject and they offered no objections to these plans. Mr. Humphrey commented that he understood that there also would be no objection from Mr. Charles J. Higgins, of 15 Orchard Lane.

Resignation received and accepted from Election Officer.

A letter was received from Mrs. Mary H. Long, of 283 Chelmsford Street, in which she informed the board that she was resigning as an Election Officer Warden for Precinct 11, effective April 11th, 1972. The resignation was accepted with regret and it was decided that a letter of appreciation should now be sent to Mrs. Long for the outstanding service she had rendered to the town in this position.

Inquiry to be sent to Town Democratic Committee for Election Officer nominees.

It was decided to forward information to the Town Democratic Committee that several vacancies now exist in the Election Officer rosters and to request that they forward names and addresses of nominees as promptly as possible.

License Granted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant a renewal of an Auctioneer's License to Arthur Pratt, of 14 Kensington Drive. Fee: $2.00.

Then on a series of motions, by Mr. Hart, and seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant renewals of various licenses to the S.B.C. Theatre Corporation of 360 Littleton Road, John S. Wenneston, Manager, as follows:

1. A Common Victualer License: Fee: $5.00.
2. A Theater License: Fee: $100.00
3. A Sunday Entertainment License: State Fee: $50.00 per annum.
   Town Fee: $2.00 per Sunday for period 4/16/72 thru 11/15/72.

Licenses Granted.

The board discussed the subject of theater licenses at this point and it was agreed that a request should be forwarded to the Route 3, Cinema Realty Co., attention of Mr. Daniel Zanchi, Manager, that the board would like to see the adoption of a plan to show at least one family-type film at this group of four cinemas so that all members of a family could at times attend film showings not considered objectionable. It was also decided to request that the management make further adjustments in the scheduling of the film showings so that traffic congestion along Chelmsford Street can be reduced as much as possible. Mr. Lannan explained that the Office of the Planner is now working with the state DPW for programs to improve traffic conditions under the "Topics" projects, and this will be one location to be considered.

Theater to be requested to show family-type films and to reschedule films to avoid traffic problems.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with the Town Counsel, Atty. Clement McCarthy and the Dog Officer, Frank J. Wojtas, to discuss implementation of a plan for improved compliance with the Dog Leash Law, and to determine procedures to be followed for fining owners and/or keepers of dogs when the animals are found to be in violation of the regulations. Mr. McCarthy explained that the only legal way to process such a violation and to fine the owner or keeper, would be to file a court complaint, with a possible fine penalty. Mr. Humphrey commented that he would favor the court method and he suggested that the Town Counsel assist the Dog Officer in the first case, and give instructions so that the Dog Officer can go into court in the future without legal assistance from the Town Counsel. Then Mr. McCarthy outlined some of the requirements for the Dog Officer to follow, such as going before the Clerk of Courts and making a complaint for a violation of the town by-law, and to ask the help of the Judge. He said that possibly in the case of a first offense, the matter might be placed on file, but this would be a warning to the offending owner and he would be obliged to take time off from his work to appear in court, and these conditions would probably impress him, that corrective action must be taken. Mr. Humphrey stated that the Selectmen have taken much abuse in the past, because the Leash Law had not been obeyed, and now strict enforcement is needed. Mr. Lannan suggested that the Dog Officer be appointed a Special Police Officer. Mr. Humphrey commented that the state law already provides authority for the Dog Officer. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Wojtas if he had a list of the owners of dogs where the animals have been picked up and Mr. Wojtas stated he has these records. Mr. Humphrey asked that such a list be provided for the Selectmen to inspect, and he added that the Dog Officer's Annual Report for 1972 should include statistics of the number of owners who were fined, and notices of these finings should also come to the Selectmen. Atty. McCarthy offered to go to court on the first case with the Dog Officer to introduce him to the various court officials. Mr. Hart emphasized that the procedures to be followed should be carefully drawn up, in an explicit manner, for the Dog Officer to follow. Mr. Doody commented that the townspeople do want action and enforcement of this by-law. Mr. Humphrey asked that the Dog Officer's monthly report to the Selectmen should show details such as the number of dogs picked up, and the number of court cases, and that careful and specific instructions should be forwarded to the Dog Officer. Atty. McCarthy suggested that a Certified Copy of the Town By-Law Book be provided to the Dog Officer for his use on court cases. It was decided to ask the Police Chief for his recommendations about appointing the Dog Officer as a Special Officer. Then a discussion followed as to the hours of work and and rate of pay of the Dog Officer. It was stated that Mr. Wojtas does offer to assist residents during off-duty hours and weekends. Mr. Wojtas stated he is willing to serve under these conditions. Then the conference ended.

Conference held with Town Counsel and Dog Officer to discuss procedures for taking legal action against violators of the Dog Leash Law.

Dog Officer requested to investigate violation of leash law.

The board then conferred briefly with Mr. Wojtas regarding the letter received from Mrs. Priscilla B. Hinckley in which she complained about a dog of her neighbor which was not under proper control. Mr. Wojtas was asked to watch this property to be certain the owners of the dog do comply with the Leash Law.

Discussion follows re: procedures to be followed by town officials to process complaint cases.

The board discussed with Atty. Clement McCarthy the subject of landfill violations, similar to the one recently investigated by town officials at property of Paul Sullivan on Stedman Street, and questions were asked if the services of the Town Counsel are necessary or can the Town Inspectors, or Director of Health Department go into court without an attorney on complaint charges. Mr. McCarthy outlined the procedures and he stated that in some cases the help of the Town Counsel is necessary, and court procedure would require his presence. Then the board discussed the Sullivan Case in some detail and the members asked if the bill of complaint could be amended to remove the material already placed on the Sullivan Property. Mr. McCarthy stated this could be done and he indicated he would take these steps, as requested by the board. Then it was decided that the Town Counsel should give written instructions to the various Inspectors and certain department heads, to aid them in the procedures to be followed to handle complaint cases. Mr. Doody suggested that this might be an excellent subject for discussion at a quarterly group meeting. Mr. McCarthy offered to meet with the inspectors and to give them advice.

Application received and to be advertised for hearing for increase in storage capacities.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the majority to set up a hearing and advertise same for application of Raymond T. Osborn, for increase in gasoline, oil, and related products storage, at service station at 8 Littleton Road. Mr. Humphrey expressed opposition to this application, stating that it was an expansion of the business at a poor location.

Pole Location petition adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition of the Mass Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 1 Joint Pole Location on Boston Road, #C-1186, dated 3/22/72, for Reconstruction. No hearing was required and the petition was then signed by the Clerk, Mr. Markham.

Pole Location Hearing Authorized.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing for Pole Location Petition No. C-1183, for Warren Avenue.

Certificate of chracter signed.

A certificate of character was signed for Donald L. & Loretta A. Lussier of 22 Drexel Drive, both incorporators of the Greater Lowell Theater Company, Inç., to be located at 22 Drexel Drive, after receipt of a character and police report. The certification had been requested by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Plans to be made for Annual Clean Up Day.

A report was received from the Anti Litter Committee giving information of their plans for setting up a Clean Up Program for the town and it was mentioned that the state program will be scheduled between April 22nd, 1972 and May 14th, 1972. It was decided to inquire from the Supt. of Streets when he can plan to schedule the Annual Clean-Up Drive by his department.

School Dept. directed to order and pay for maintenance costs for flood light for school driveway.

A request was received from the School Department that the Selectmen approve the installation of a flood light on a certain pole on Billerica Road, to light up the driveway entrance of the Center School. Mr. Lannan suggested that the School Dept. handle this subject from their own budget, and he believed the board would have no objection to the proposed location of the light. He stated further that he believed this to be a departmental matter and the School Dept. should make their own request to the Mass. Elec. Co. to install and pay for the maintenance costs, and that previous other requests for town departments had been handled this way. Other members of the concorred with this suggestion.

Applicant files for amended Auto Dealer License.

A letter was received from Mr. Robert L. Hughes stating that he had been unable to obtain automobile dealer plates under license granted to him earlier d/b/a as Eastern Motors, and he had been advised by the Registry of Motor Vehicles to have the business incorporated, and re-file for an amended license. Then on a motion by

Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to amend the Class II, Auto Dealer License granted to Mr. Hughes at a previous meeting so that the license form will read Easter Motors, Inc., Robert Lawson Hughes, President and Manager. Fee: None.

Auto Dealer License Amended.

A letter was received from Mr. John J. Mahoney, Regional Director of the state Welfare Department, in which he explained some of the present procedures being followed relating to the combining of smaller local Welfare Offices and he offered to further explain these plans if the board so desired to confer with him. It was decided to plan a conference with him for Tuesday, April 11th, 1972 at 8:30 P.M.

Conference planned with Welfare Director.

A letter was received from Mr. Edward Philbrook, Jr. of 70 Linwood Street, in which he asked that the board consider the placing of traffic safety signs on Linwood Street, as many children are in the area, and motorists do travel at excessive speeds. It was decided to forward the letter to the Police Chief for his study and recommendations.

Request for traffic safety signs.

An invitation was received from the Town of Concord, Mass. to attend and participate in the Annual Patriot's Day Parade on Wednesday, April 19th, 1972, as members of the Grand Marshal's Staff. The members indicated that they would not be able to attend and such information shall be forwarded to the officials of Concord.

Invitation received to attend holiday events.

An application for issuance of a Common Victualer License was received from Matthew and George Panagiotou to be exercised at new shopping area at Boston and Mill Roads. The application explained that the restaurant would specialize in Pizza Type Foods. Mr. Humphrey moved to deny this request. No member of the board seconded the motion. Mr. Hart suggested that it might be advisable to invite the applicants to meet with the board, so that the request could be explained in detail. Mr. Doody agreed with this suggestion and said, as a matter of courtesy, it would be best to permit the applicants to make a presentation. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to invite the applicants to meet with the board at a future meeting.

Application received for issuance of a Common Victualer License.

The application of the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License, at 286 Rear Chelmsford Street, came before the board once again, after the application had been corrected and other pertinent information made available to the board. The board directed that the Adm. Assist. now advertise and set up a hearing for the application if it is found to be in order and complete.

Application received for Liquor License.

Letters were received from Mr. Charles L. Mitsakos and Mr. Michael J. Devine informing the board that they would be willing to serve on the Home Rule Advisory Committee. Mr. Humphrey requested that the letters be placed on file until other replies have been received, since six inquiries had been sent out.

Letters rec'd from persons willing to serve on Home Rule Advisory Com.

The Selectmen then discussed the procedures which should be followed for the future appointments of members to a Committee to Study the Liquid Waste Disposal Problems of the town, as authorized by vote at Town Meeting under Article No. 43A. It was decided to forward letters to the Board of Health and Sewer Commission to invite their members, who might be interested to serve, to forward letters of application with detailed resumes, containing background material as to eduction, business experience, and interest in this subject, to the board for consideration. It was also decided to forward a similar request to the Environmental Advisory Council and to ask that they inform interested persons to forward applications and resumes to the board as quickly as possible. The latter two suggestions were made by Mr. Humphrey and the board members concurred that these steps should now be taken.

Applications to be received for appointment to new Committee to Study Liquid Waste Problems.

Mr. Larnan then read information received from the Town Counsel, Atty. Clement McCarthy, in which he explained details about the court judgement of case of Peter J. Saulis vs Town of Chelmsford, Board of Health. It was stated that the town must now pay sum of $1,233.89 to Mr. Saulis and $248.88 as cost of certain legal fees.

Town Counsel submits details about court case settlement.

Then the board conferred with Mr. Robert A. Finnie, Jr., a member of the Board of Health, to discuss the subject of best location for the building which will be erected for housing Health Dept. equipment for maintaining the Sanitary Landfill. It was stated that locations at the Swain Road Dump Area had been found to be no suitable for the building, and that a decision must soon be made as contracts had been awarded for the construction of the building and for purchase of a bulldozer. Mr. Finnie explained that the soil area at the dump property was not suitable to support this type of structure and it now appeared that the building might have to be located at the Highway Garage Property off Richardson Road. It was further explained that the bulldozer to be purchased would be made available for both the Health and Highway Depts. to use. Mr. Finnie also stated that the Board of Health had finally decided to postpone the implementation of a Sanitary Landfill operation at the Town Dump, on a full-time basis, inasmuch as they felt the town should wait to see what develops, in the future, insofar as a Regional Recycling and Reclamation Facility is concerned. He also explained that the plans for the Health Dept. to purchase a Front-End Loader for Sanitary Landfill work, had changed and they are cancelling the order. It was then suggested that the Town Engineer inspect the entire premises of the Swain Road Dump Area, as it might be possible to locate the proposed building near the Swain Road gate, as the soil conditions might be more suitable nearer the road. The discussion then centered on the need for funds for the Highway Department to continue the plan to take all waste collections to the Lowell Incinerator for the remainder of the year, as only funds for period ending June 30th, had been provided to date. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board conduct a Special Town Meeting on April 18th, 1972, within the Annual Town Meeting, to place such an article before the voters, as finances must be provided to pay for these disposal costs until the end of the year. Other members of the board agreed to this plan and Mr. Lannan stated he would contact the Town Counsel and have the Warrant prepared.

Conference held with member of the Board of Health to discuss proper location of building to house Sanitary Landfill Equipment.

Street Sign survey to be made by Planner for the Highway Department.

Mr. Doody asked that the board approve a plan to send instructions to the Office of the Highway Planner to make an inspection of Bradford Road, Dayton Street, and Meadowbrook Road, for the purpose of determining the need for various street signs. Mr. Doody stated that any questions on this subject could be directed to Mr. Thomas Doyle of 27 Bradford Road. The board agreed that the Highway Planner should make this investigation and determine what is needed.

Damges to Stony Brook Pond Reservation explained. Conference to be held.

Mr. Doody then stated that he had received information that conditions at the Crooked Spring Reservation were not good, and that certain hazards do exist, insofar as the safety of children is concerned. He stated that members of the Conservation Commission are concerned about the conditions, and that the pond is now at a low level, and the dam has broked away, and only part of it remains. He stated that the Town Engineer should view the site and plans should be made to shore up the dam, and it should be made more permanent for the guture. He cited other problems with drainage pipes and washouts. He then asked for the board's approval to have a conference on Saturday, April 8th, 1972 at 9:00 A.M. on the site with the Supt. of Streets, and Town Engineer and that Mr. Balco of the Conservation Commission would also be present. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with the Supt. of Streets to make these plans. Other members of the board approved of these suggestions in order to save the pond from washing out.

Press asks questions for clarification.

Then Mr. Lannan invited the press reporters to ask questions about the business matters previously discussed. Several questions were asked.

Meeting adjourns.

At 10:10 P.M. approximately the meeting adjourned.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, April 11th, 1972; at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:

1. Thomas Blair of the Lowell Radio Station, WCAP arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:25 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:25 P.M.

Reporters present.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Board of Registrars, John P. Emerson, Jr., Robert J. Noble and Edward H. Hilliard and they presented a written report of suggested changes in procedures to be followed by Election Officers for counting work after the polls close. It was suggested that all workers, and ballots and equipment be moved to a central counting location, such as the Cafeteria of the High School, where all workers will do the counting work. It was suggested that adding machine equipment be made available, and that Special Police Officers be on duty as needed and required and that groups of workers who finish early, could assist other groups, where counting and balancing problems might exist. It was stated that there was a possibility that the work could be completed earlier in the evening; thus allowing the workers to finish at an earlier hour, and resulting in lower costs to the town. It was also suggested that counting procedures be changed from blocks of fifty, to blocks of twenty ballots. It was stated that such changes had been checked with state election officials, and that a central counting plan appeared to be legal, but it was suggested also that the plan be reviewed by the Town Counsel. Mr. Hart commented that changes such as these described might be advisable. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a meeting of certain Election Officials, the Registrars and Town Clerk be scheduled as soon as possible. Mr. Doody stated that the concept may be a good one, but the workability of the plan is not known as yet. The Adm. Assist. was requested to determine if the High School facilities would be available, as well as the use of adding machines, telephone and coffee-making equipment. Mr. Markham stated that it did seem that improvements are advisable and he approv- the plan as described. A discussion followed as to the present rates of pay and if increases in rates of pay might now be advisable, and if we do have sufficient numbers of persons willing to serve. Mr. Coburn stated that present rates had been used to determine the 1972 budget and deficiencies would occur later in the year if rates did change now. He also stated that many persons had expressed their interest in serving and we always had complete complements of workers available; even when extra counters and tellers were needed. Then all members of the board expressed their approval of the plans as proposed and it was agreed that the Board of Registrars should now work with the Adm. Assist. to implement the plan.

Conference held with Board of Registrars to discuss plan for change in procedures for counting ballots at Primaries and Elections.

Approval given to plan for a Central Counting Facility.

It was decided to take no action this evening on the approval and acceptance of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24th, 1972 inasmuch as the board had not had ample time to read the material.

Approval of minutes postponed to future meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 1 Joint Pole Location on Groton Road, C-1184, dated 3/15/72, for records. The pole location was formerly granted to the Mass. Elec. Co. and the new petition makes the location a joint ownership.

Pole Location petition adopted.

Mr. Lannan announced that the Highway Dept. will open bids for purchase of highway materials on Friday morning, April 14th, 1972 at 11:00 A.M. and board members were invited to attend. Mr. Humphrey questioned why bids had been solicited for purchase of Road Salt, as he understood the town might participate in a Regional Plan for purchase of this material in the future, and which might result in substantial saving to the town. It was agreed to forward an inquiry to the Supt. of Streets to learn why the bids had been called at this time.

Bids for Highway Materials to be opened and board inquires about Road Salt Bids.

Election Officer resigns.

A letter of resignation as Warden for Precinct 6 was received and accepted from Mrs. Mary E. McCarthy. It was decided to forward a letter of appreciation to Mrs. McCarthy for her past service to the town.

Election Officers Appointed.

Then on motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to take the following-mentioned action:

1. To appoint Mrs. Jennie Lavell as Temporary Warden for Precinct 2 to fill vacancy caused by illness of Miss Anna Cummings. (Term exp: 4/26/72.)
2. To appoint Mrs. Sabina Hansbury as Warden for Precinct 6, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mrs. Mary E. McCarthy. (Term to expire: 8/1972.)

Jaycees granted permission to hold carnival.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant permission to the Chelmsford Jaycees for permission to operate a Carnival on property off North Road, opposite the High School, from May 8th, 1972 thru May 13th, 1972 inclusive , during evening hours until 10:00 P.M. and all day on Saturday, provided approval is received from both the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to adopt the regulations from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for the sale of alcoholic beverages on Patriot's Day, April 17th, 1972, a Legal Holiday.

United Fund requests town officials consider a payroll deduction plan for donations.

A letter was received from Atty. Marshall L. Field, an officer of the United Fund of Merrimack Valley, in which he asked that the town consider a plan to have payroll deductions made from salaries and wages of town employees for United Fund donations, on a pledge basis plan. He stated that the majority of the municipalities in the area now follow such a procedure. It was decided to have the Adm. Assist. bring the proposal to the attention of the Treasurer to see what can be implemented in the future.

Bids received for purchase or Regular and High Test Gasolines.

At 8:00 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened for the Purchase of Gasoline, Fuel Oil and Range Oil. One company representative, Mr. McNeiley, of the Gulf Oil Company was present. The list of bids, as received, follows: (Prices per gallon)

Name of Company,	Product Description		Tank Wagon Price	Discount	Net Cost
1. Gulf Oil Co.,	Good Gulf Gasoline	- Reg.	$0.2130	$0.0823	$0.1307
	Gulf No Nox	- Prem.	0.2480	0.0960	0.1520
2. Chevron Oil Co,	Chevron	- Reg.	0.2130	0.0823	0.1307
	Chevron Supreme	- Prem.	0.2480	0.0923	0.1557
3. Getty Oil Co.,	Getty Commercial	- Reg.	0.2140	0.0604	0.1536
	Getty Premium	- Prem.	0.2490	0.0769	0.1721
4. Humble Oil &	Esso Motor Fuel	- Reg.	0.2030	0.0645	0.1385
Refining Co.,	Esso Extra Motor F.	- Prem.	0.2380	0.0730	0.1650

The board requested that the Adm. Assist. prepare a statistical report with recommendations for the next meeting.

Bids Opened and contract awarded for Purchase of Range and Fuel Oil.

Then bids were opened for the Purchase of Range Oil #1 and Fuel Oil #2 for storage at the Highway Department Garage. (Prices per gallon.)

1. Colonial Oil Company:	Range Oil #1:	$0.199	Fuel Oil #2:	$0.189
2. Humble Oil & Refining Co:	" "	0.2090	" "	0.1990
3. Gagnon Brothers Oil Co:	" "	0.174	" "	0.174

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to award the contract for purchase of both Range Oil #1, and Fuel Oil #2, to Gagnon Brothers Oil Co., the low bidder.

Amount of Uncollected Taxes & Accts. received.

A letter was received from the Town Accountant in which he informed the board that the total of the Uncollected Taxes and Accounts of the town as of March 6th, 1972 was $228,176.20 per request from the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation so that a specific bond amount could be made up for this sum for Mr. Philip J. McCormack, the new Town Tax Collector.

Special Police Officer Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Frank J. Wojtas as a Special Police Officer, without pay from the Town, in connection with his duties as Dog Officer, (Term to expire: 3/1973,) per recommendation received from the Police Chief.

Then on a series of motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to make the following mentioned appointments:

As Police Matrons, (All terms to expire: 3/1973):
Mary H. Long, Emily A. Peake, Grace C. Auger,
As Special Police Officers, for School Traffic Duty, (All terms to expire: 3/1973)
George W. Marinel, Francis DeAngelis, John M. Reiss,
As Special Police Officers, from the Town of Tyngsboro, to serve in Emergencies, without pay from the Town. (All terms to expire: 3/1973)
Chief Harold L. Pivirotto, Lt. Charles C. Chronopoulos,
Lt. Michael Kiloski, Sgt. Paul J. DesLauries,
Patrolman Howard F. Given, Patrolman Roy E. Anderson,
Patrolman Raymond O. Knisley, Jr., Patrolman Robert R. Bergeron,
Patrolman Richard E. Fay, Patrolman Roger G. Lemire.

Police Matrons appointed.

Special Police Officers for School Traffic Duty & Emergencies Appointed.

It was decided to reduce the number of Checkers to be on duty at the coming adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 18th, 1972.

Fewer number of checkers to be hired for next Town Meeting Session.

An inquiry was received from Mr. Winthrop H. Lee, of Lee Associates, Labor Negotiators, to ask if the board would consider making such an appointment. It was decided to notify the applicant that no negotiator would be employed this year.

Applicant inquires re: appointment of Labor Negotiator.

A letter was received from Mr. William E. Hannon, of 9 Churchill Road, in which he made complaint against the proprietor of an automobile towing and repair service based on a recent experience. It was decided to make a reply to Mr. Hannon that the subject appeared to be a civil matter in the opinion of the board members, and that a settlement should be reached between the parties involved.

Complaint received re: business experience.

A letter with application form was received from the state Department of Community Affairs relating to a special course to be held for Building and Code Inspectors. It was decided to forward the material to the Building Inspector, Peter J. McHugh, Jr. as he might be interested to attend.

Notice of educational course for Inspectors received.

A letter was received from Rev. Harry A. Foster, a member of the Community Action Advisory Committee, in which he asked that an appointment be arranged with the Selectmen and the committee to discuss the advisability of appointing or electing Code Inspectors for the Town. It was decided to schedule the appointment for Monday, May 1st, 1972. Rev. Foster also, in his letter, pointed out the problems with litter and debris which can often be found at the North Chelmsford Congregational Church Parking Lot and the Municipal Parking Lot at Vinal Square, and he asked that steps be taken to overcome these problems. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Lannan, would confer personally with Rev. Foster about these matters to see what can be worked out to improve these conditions.

Conference scheduled with Community Action Advisory Committee.

Chairman to confer with clergyman re improved conditions at parking areas.

Information was received from the Supt. of Streets that the Annual Town Clean-Up Project will be scheduled for the week of April 24th, 1972 thru April 28th, 1972. It was decided to notify the Anti Litter Committee of these dates so that their plans can be coordinated with those of the towns. The Adm. Assist. informed the board that information had been received from Mrs. Nancy Bue, Chairman of the Anti Litter Committee that volunteers would be working on Saturday, April 29th, 1972 at the Wright, Stony Brook, and Lime Kiln Reservations, all town properties, to clean up the areas, and there would be a need for trucks and operators to take away the debris. The Selectmen initially approved the plan for the use of town trucks for this purpose, and it was decided to notify the Supt. of Streets of these plans, so that he can make suitable preparations. It was stated by Mr. Coburn, that additional details will be forthcoming from Mrs. Bue concerning this matter, at a later date.

Information received re: Plans for Annual Spring Clean-Up Projects.

Information received that bus service cannot be expanded without additional subsidy payments.

A letter was received from the Marinel Transportation, Inc. in which they informed the board they would not be able to expand the present bus service to include areas, such as South Chelmsford, without additional town subsidy and that present schedules could not be changed, as first proposed by Mrs. Lois G. Whitmeyer of 3 Purcell Drive, as suggested in an earlier letter received from her. It was decided to inform Mrs. Whitmeyer of the information now received from the transportation company and that future expanded services will not be possible unless additional funding is provided by the town.

Application for Liquor License to be returned to applicant.

An Application was received from Matt Doyle, Inc., by Matthew J. Doyle, President, for the issuance of an All Alcholic, Retail Package Goods Store License. It was found that the address of the proposed location referred to Boston Road, whereas earlier application had referred to Concord Road. It was decided that the application should be returned once again to the applicant as there appears to be an error in the address of the premises to be licensed.

Notice received that costs will be incurred in cancellation of Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy.

A letter was received from the Norcross & Leighton Insurance Agency stating that the board's understanding that a Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy can be cancelled during April 1972 to date of renewal on March 1st, 1972, without cost to the town, is incorrect, and Mr. Howard Leighton, President of the Agency, stated that there will be a short-rate cancellation, and a short-rate premium charge from March 1st, to April 4th, 1972. The board had learned earlier from the Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, Mr. Roger P. Welch, that a flat cancellation would apply, without a premium charge. Mr. Lannan read the contents of this letter to the board and asked for comments. Mr. Humphrey asked that a copy of the most recent letter from the Norcross & Leighton Agency be forwarded to Mr. Henrick R. Johnson of the Ins. Adv. Comm., with a request that they make a reply to Mr. Leighton to explain all steps taken previously to cancel the policy without charge to the town, inasmuch as the board desired to place this business with a local agent. The board agreed that this procedure should be followed.

Insurance Advisory Committee recommends signing of certificate re: Fleet Policy, and to not approve transfer of accounts for Health Ins. for retired teachers to state control.

Letters were received from the Insurance Advisory Committee with certain specific recommendations; previously solicited by the board, and described as follows:

1. That the board should sign a Certificate for the William J. Hennessy Agency, to certify the coverages desired under the Automobile Fleet Policy per "No Fault" plan, and per the Schedule of Options and Comprehensive Coverages.
2. That the board should not approve a plan, as proposed by the Group Insurance Commission of the state, to transfer Health and Life Insurance Coverages, for present and future retired teachers, and that the town should continue to exercise this control in the future, and should continue to handle its own business, rather than to allow state control over this matter.

Letter rec'd. re: problems concerning Drainage Easement given to the Town.

A letter was received from Mr. Manuel J. Avila Jr., in which he cited a number of problems which related to the granting of a drainage easement by his mother to the town in order to overcome problems in the area of Pilgrim Road. He stated that it was their opinion that the town had not kept all parts of the agreement. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the town take the necessary steps to work out the details as the town has been saved much money in the solving of the problems of drainage in this area. He suggested that Mr. Rondeau, the Supt. of Streets, attempt to do all the things which the town had agreed to do, and to help in this matter as much as possible, so that the problems can be resolved without future difficulty. The board accepted these suggestions, although Mr. Lannan expressed reservations about the subject; stating that the town had done much to assist the Avila Family.

Inquiry rec'd. re: State Census procedures.

An inquiry was received from the state Committee on Redistricting in which various questions were asked about the state Census figures, and procedures. The board agreed that inasmuch as the State Census work was handled by the Board of Registrars under the direction of the Town Clerk, the inquiry should be forwarded to the new Town Clerk, Mrs. Mary E. St. Hilaire, for completion of the questionnaire.

Conference rescheduled with Regional Adm. of Welfare Dept.

It was decided to reschedule a conference with Mr. John J. Mahoney, Regional Administrator of the state Welfare Dept. for Monday, May 1st, 1972 to discuss future plans for possible closing of the local Welfare Dept. office.

Conference held and decision reached not to grant a Common Victualer License at business area at Boston and Mill Roads.

At 9:00 P.M. a conference was planned with Matthew and George Panagiotou to discuss their application for the issuance of a Common Victualer License to be exercised at the commercial area of Boston Road and Mill Road. Mr. Matthew Panagiotou was present and it was stated that Mr. George Panagiotou was unable to attend due to illness in their family. Mr. Lannan asked the applicant to inform the board about his planns and his experience. Mr. Panagiotou stated that he had worked in similar business establishments in Worcester, Mass. and he had members of family who are in this type of business in other places. He said he was a resident of Worcester. Then the board members asked various questions and Mr. Panagiotou explained that this would be a family-type business, and he would be working with his brother , and his brother would be the manager, as he has experience. He stated this would be a sandwich shop and pizza Shop, and they would sell submarine sandwiches. He said the type of food sales for this location are not known for certain at this time. He said he would commute to Chelmsford for the present, but later he might move here. Mr. Markham asked what the exact location would be and Mr. Panagiotou stated that it would be next to the present Real Estate Office. He also stated that there would be tables inside for patrons, and there would be a take-out service, and that the average type of sale for this type of business is for pizza to be taken out. He said there would be tables and chairs for the convenience of the public who wished to eat on the premises. Mr. Hart asked about the hours and he stated that the closing hour of such operations in Chelmsford had been established for 11:00 P.M. Mr. Panagiotou expressed the thought that a later closing hour might be requested. Mr. Doody asked if an 11:00 P.M. closing would be acceptable and Mr. Panagiotou stated that perhaps it would, but it is now difficult to tell, and they might want to be open later, especially those evenings late in the week. Mr. Humphrey asked why the applicants had chosen Chelmsford and Mr. Panagiotou replied that he had become acquainted with the town through family business connections, and he indicated after being questioned by Mr. Humphrey, that he had not been solicited to come to Chelmsford. Mr. Humphrey asked if he was familiar with the state laws concerning the operation of restaurants, and the holding of a Common Victualer License, and specifically the need for rest room facilities for the public at these establishments. Mr. Panagiotou stated he was not entirely familiar with the state laws and it was then stated that there are no public rest rooms in the plans for this particular location. Mr. Lannan then stated the conference would end, and Mr. Panagiotou commenced to leave the room, but was asked to remain as Mr. Humphrey indicated he would take action on this subject now. Then Mr. Humphrey then moved not to grant the license and he cited three reasons: 1. That the facilities have no restrooms for public use as required by law; 2. No need has been demonstrated for granting of such a license; 3. That there will be, in my opinion, a detrimental effect to the abutting neighborhood. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Then Mr. Doody inquired if the board had received any report of an investigation made by the Building Inspector of these premises. Mr. Coburn reported that no report had been received. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote; asking those members who wished to deny the request to so indicate. Mr. Hart, and Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Lannan voted to deny. Those who opposed were Mr. Markham and Mr. Doody. Mr. Doody stated he felt the Bldg. Inspector should be requested to file a report. Mr. Markham commented that the suggestion for a report is a valid one, and there are arguments here which favor and not to favor the granting, and he then said the building is now ready for a reasonable use and the board should consider this fact. Mr. Humphrey agreed with this statement of Mr. Markham but added both sides of the question should be considered. Mr. Hart stated that when a recent hearing for the liquor store had been held, the abutters expressed a hope that controls will be placed in effect, and that a good operation be maintained. He added that this type of restaurant business could be the wrong type, and bring problems to the abutters and thus there are several reasons for not granting such a license at this location. Mr. Lannan stated that his reasons are similar to those expressed by Mr. Hart and he stated also he felt it was not good to locate a business of this type next to a Wines and Malt Beverage Package Store, and the com-

Reasons cited for denial of license.

bination of the two, near together, is not good. Mr. Humphrey then explained that the law stipulates that public facilities are required and the absence of these facilities at this location is sufficient reasons for the board to deny the license, or give the applicants permission to withdraw the application without prejudice. He concluded his statement by saying, "I do like pizza."

Application received for Liquor License.

An application was received from the Chelmsford Country Club for the issuance of an All Alcoholic, Common Victualer License, at 66 Park Road. The Adm. Assist. was requested to set up the application for advertising and hearing if found to be in proper form.

Certain positions for EEA program to be advertised.

Mr. Lannan explained to the board that there are now three positions, approved under Lag Funds of the Emergency Employment Act, which are yet to be filled, and they do require that applicants meet certain federal criteria. Mr. Humphrey suggested that advertisements be placed in the newspapers for Chelmsford residents to apply for these positions. It was decided that this should be done.

Conditions at state DPW Yard cited and requests to be sent to have improvements made.

Mr. Hart called attention to the fact that the appearance, and condition of the state Dept. of Public Works field station and yard at North Road, near Drum Hill rotary, is very poor and steps should be taken to ask the state officials to improve the appearance. He said that tables and benches had been stockpiled , and much debris and metal had been collected and the conditions were unsightly. It was decided to forward a request to the state District Highway Engineer, as well as the state Senator and Representative to have these conditions improved.

Member of the board announces his candidacy for election as State Representative

Then Mr. Hart read from a prepared statement, in which he announced his candidacy for election to State Representative from the 32nd District. After the statement was read, members of the board offered their best wishes to Mr. Hart for success in his campaign. Mr. Hart's statement included information as to his education and his present affiliations in local organizations and he emphasized the need to bring the influence of state government down to the local level. To explain this goal as his primary motive in seeking office, he stated: "In my dealings as a leader in town government it has become increasingly apparent to me that the Town of Chelmsford needs a representative in the State House who not only recognizes and understands the problems confronting the town, but who will also be a strong voice in the state's governing body. Chelmsford, because of its rapid growth, has reached a most crucial point in time. Never in Chelmsford's history has there been a greater need for an articulate spokesman on the state level to insure that the wishes of the people of the town are recognized and acted upon. It is only in this way that our cherished concept of home rule can be protected. With this end in mind, I seek the post of State Representative and promise to direct all of my energies to achieve this goal."

Report given re: conditions at Stony Brook Reservation where repairs are needed.

Mr. Doody then reported to the board about the conference held on Saturday, April 8th, 1972 at the Crooked Spring Reservation with Mr. John Balco of the Conservation Commission, the Street Supt. and Town Engineer, to determine what steps should be taken to reduce the hazards and dangers which exist due to the condition of the dam. He explained that the dam is old and broken and the level of the pond has dropped and the Town Engineer and Supt. of Streets are now making plans to repair and shore up the dam and recommendations will come to the board in writing within a few days.

Election Officer Appointed.

The board then acted on changes in the Election Officer roster for Precinct 6. On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Hart, the name of Mary E. White was nominated as Deputy Warden. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, the name of Pauline M. Gorham was nominated as Deputy Warden. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote, and asked for those who would favor Mary E. White as Deputy Warden. Mr. Markham and Mr. Hart voted in favor. Mr. Lannan asked for a vote for those who oppose and Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan voted in opposition. Then Mr. Lannan asked for a vote to appoint Pauline M. Gorham as Deputy Warden and a unanimous vote followed.

Press invited to ask questions

At this point press reporters were invited to ask questions to clarify points they might have in mind. Several questions were asked.

Meeting adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Colburn
Adm. Assist.

Members Present

The following mentioned business was acted upon by a majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen on April 18th, 1972. Those members participating included, Mr. Paul C. Hart, Mr. Howard E. Humphrey, Mr. Eugene J. Doody, and Mr. Thomas F. Markham, Jr. Mr. Lannan was not present.

Election Officer Resigns.

A resignation was received from H. Chadbourne Ward, 270 Littleton Road, as Election Officer, Warden for Precinct 1. The application was accepted and a letter of appreciation is to be sent.

Election Officers Appointed

The following mentioned Election Officer appointments were then approved.
1. Helen E. George, 30 Second Street; as Warden for Precinct 1 (Term Expires: 8/1972)
2. Mary Celia Campbell, 80 Middlesex Street; as Temporary Deputy Warden for Precinct 2. (Term exp: 4/26/72)
3. Ella V. Catherwood, 5 Lynn Avenue; as Temporary Clerk for Precinct 2. (Term exp: 4/26/72)
4. Virginia A. Foster, 17 Princeton Street; as Temporary Deputy Clerk for Precinct 2 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
5. Pauline Pudvelis, 35 Sylvan Avenue; as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 11. (Term exp: 8/1972)
6. Frances E. Preston, 1 Empire Street; as Temporary Inspector for Precinct 9 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
7. Barbara J. Kearsley, 13 Muriel Road; as Temporary Deputy Inspector for Precinct 9 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
8. Marylin West, 24 Samuel Road, as Temporary Inspector for Precinct 9 (Term Exp: 4/26/72)
9. Isabel K. Lambert, 16 Orchard Lane; as Temporary Warden for Precinct 8. (Term exp: 4/26/72)

For the Board of Selectmen,
by, A H Colburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, April 19th, 1972; at 7:15 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:
1. Gerry Jouse of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:20 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:35 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:40 P.M.
All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Signing of Labor Contract postponed.

A ceremony had been planned for signing of the new Police Department Labor Contract at 7:15 P.M. but the signing was postponed to a later time as members of the Police Department Union desired additional time to inspect the contract terms. Chief Robert E. Germann and Mr. Peter J. McHugh were present with the board members for the signing ceremony as they had assisted with the negotiations.

Meeting schedule adopted.

It was decided to adopt the regular meeting schedule for May as follows: Meetings to be held on Mondays, May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd, and Tuesday, May 30th, 1972.

Election Officers Appointed.

The Selectmen unanimously approved the permanent appointments of the following-named persons as Election Officers; (both terms to expire: 8/1972)

1. As Warden for Precinct 11: Mrs. Bessie Alexion, 8 New Spaulding Street,
2. As Deputy Warden for Precinct 11: Mrs. Mary E. McCarthy, 4 Fern Street,

Minutes Accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28th, 1972.

Acceptance of minutes postponed.

It was decided to postpone action to accept the minutes of meetings of April 4th, 1972 and April 11th, 1972 until the board members had an opportunity to read the material.

Licenses Granted.

On motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant renewals of two Auctioneer's Licenses as follows:

1. For	Theodore W. Emerson,	11 North Road,	Fee: $2.00.
2. For	Bradford O. Emerson,	30 Dalton Road,	Fee: 2.00.

Middlesex County Commissioners approve engineering survey to establish town line.

A letter was received from the Middlesex County Commissioners in which they stated that an engineering survey would be made of the boundary between the City of Lowell and the Town of Chelmsford, in the vicinity of the Lowell Incinerator, but the work could not commence immediately due to large amount of work scheduled, and that the board would be contacted by their staff members when the project can commence. Mr. Lannan requested that these papers be marked with a memorandum to be certain that stone boundary markers are placed on Stedman Street where the line crosses, as the exact location is presently in doubt.

Ceremony to be held for signing of a Proclamation.

The board agreed to schedule an appointment for holding a ceremony to sign a Proclamation for the Jaycee-ettes on Monday, April 24th, 1972, commencing at 7:30 P.M. for their Bike-A-Thon Project to be held on Sunday, April 30th, 1972 between the High School and Byam School, with route along North Road and Acton Road.

Approval granted for holding Annual Poppy Sales.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant permission to the American Legion, Post 212 Auxiliary, for the conducting of the Annual Poppy Day Sales on Thursday, May 25th, 1972 and Friday, May 26th, 1972.

Monthy Report of Dog Officer to be expanded.

A request was made by Mr. Doody for the Dog Officer to provide additional information data on his monthly report for April 1972 to indicate type of calls in category of "miscellaneous calls" he receives. This information to be submitted for one month only, so that the board may learn more of the details.

Treasurer states that payroll deduction plan for United Fund is not advisable at this time.

A letter was received from Mr. Philip J. McCormack, Town Treasurer, relating to the request of Atty. Marshall Field, an officer in the Merrimack Valley United Fund to determine if the town could take steps to implement a payroll deduction plan for United Fund donations from town employees. Mr. McCormack reported that at present the payroll stubs are filled with various types of deductions being made now, and there is no space for additional deduction plans, and he also finds he has printed checks on hand to be used into 1973, and thus the town could not make such changes now, and it would not be advisable to incur extra expense to do so. A reply will be sent to the United Fund informing them of these facts, and with the suggestion that the Treasurer be contacted during 1973 to see if the plan can be implemented when that year's campaign is being planned.

Assessors inquire for procedure to follow for disposal of outmoded office equipment.

A letter was received from the Board of Assessors in which they informed the Selectmen that there are several pieces of old and outmoded equipment stored at the Center Town Hall, and which could be disposed of, as they will not be used in the future, and the question was asked if the Selectmen would advise the Assessors what steps to now take. It was decided to forward this information to the Purchasing Officer for his study, and to ask that he determine if other towns can use the equipment, and if not, can the equipment be salvaged. The equipment consists of two cabinets, an NCR Bookkeeping Machine, Grafotype Machine and an Addressograph Machine.

Report received re repairs needed at Crooked Spring Reservation Pond and Dam.

A report was recieved from the Supt. of Streets, Louis R. Rondeau, in which he outlined the type of work which is now needed to be done at the Crooked Spring Reservation, to make proper repairs of the dam, which has deteriorated. This report was in response to a request made by Mr. Doody and Mr. John Baldo of the Conservation Commission after a survey and inspection had been made. Mr. Doody suggested that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Conservation Commission to determine what the Commission would want done, and he also suggested that the Conservation Commission and Supt. of Streets work together to coordinate these plans and work. It was also suggested that the Conservation Commission contact the state DPW to determine what state funding might be available under the provisions of Chapter 595, of the Acts of 1970, which relates to repairs and maintaining of reservois and dams. The board agreed that these suggestions should be followed.

Contract awarded for purchase of Gasoline.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to award the contract for the purchase of Gasoline Products to the Gulf Oil Company, the low bidder, per their bids listed as follows:

1. For Regular Type Gas - Good Gulf Gasoline, with discount price of $0.0823 per gallon.
2. For Premium Type Gas - Gulf No-Nox Gasoline, with discount price of $0.0960 per gall.

Contract to extend for a period of one year from May 1, 1972 thru Apr. 30, 1973.

Hearing held and petition adopted for Pole Location.

At 7:45 P.M. a hearing was held on the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. for one Pole Location on Warren Avenue, C-#1183, dated 3/15/72 for new construction purposes. Mr. John Crane, a representative from the Mass. Elec. Co. was present and he explained the reason and need for submitting the petition. No abutters were present to object. Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition and it was then signed by all members present.

Public Hearing held on application of Charles Vrouhas, d/b/a The Hi-Way Farm Market for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

At 8:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was held on the application of Charles Vrouhas, d/b/a The Hi-Way Farm Market, at 259 Littleton Road, for the issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License. A tape recorder was used for this hearing and the testimony was recorded in its entirety. The hearing commened with Mr. Lannan reading aloud the application as published in the various newspapers. Mr. Lannan then asked if the applicant was present and if he would like to speak. At this point Atty. James M. Geary, Jr., spoke and stated that Mr. Charles Vrouhas was present and that he, as an attorney, had been engaged to represent Mr. Vrouhas. Then Mr. Lannan outlined the procedures to be followed for the hearing; that the applicant's case would be heard first; then proponents would be able to speak, then opponents could present their case, and finally the board members would be asked if they have any questions. Mr. Charles Vrouhas and Mr. Spiro Vrouhas were present and there were several other persons present. Then Mr. Lannan invited Atty. Geary to speak. Mr. Geary placed on display a visual map and he explained that the map does show the existing present locations of the all alcoholic package stores, and each was identified. He said two more are now permitted and four applications have been received to date, and he then idehtified the locations of these premises. Mr. Geary asked the board to give favorable consideration to the application of Mr. Vrouhas, and he reminded the board that Mr. Vrouhas has served the South Chelmsford area for quite a period of time with goods and services, and now the store serves the Hitchin'post area. He then stated that he understood the Selectmen might have received a letter from residents of the Hitchin'post area, asking that the license be granted to Mr. Vrouhas, and Mr. Geary said the letter was unsolicited, and his client did not know beforehand that it would be sent to the board. He said this is a spontaneous feeling of residents of the area who would like to see this license granted. A question was then asked of Mr. Coburn if the letter had been received and Mr. Coburn replied that it had, and was on the desk of Mr. Lannan. Mr. Geary stated that Mr. Vrouhas has been in the market business for twenty years and he has operated the present Wines and Malt Beverages Package Store for the past ten years, and the record speaks for itself. He said that the area residents are hopeful that the All Alcoholic license will be granted. He added that residents of the nearby Trailer Park do not object to the license being

Public Hearing continues on application of Charles Vrouhas d/b/a Hi-Way Farm Market for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

granted. Then Mr. Geary presented to Mr. Coburn the affidavit as evidence that all the abutters had been notified as required by state law. Mr. Geary stated that the premises, if the new license is granted, would more or less remain the same and he displayed a floor plan of the store. He said that an area of 20 ft. by 20 ft. is now utilized for the present package store, and if the new license is granted the area would be 20 ft. by 40 ft. He said that merchandise for the market next door is presently stored in the rear of the Wine & Malt Beverage Package Store, and this merchandise would be stored elsewhere if the new license is granted. He explained that there are adequate parking facilities available, and if the parking lot should be englarged, there is ample room all around as Mr. Vrouhas owns the land. He said the area footage and other dimensions had been given to the Building Inspector, and with the extra land, the applicant can enlarge. He stated the Building Inspector had visited the area. Mr. Geary then repeated the fact that the market had been operated for twenty years and the record was good, and he had serviced the needs of the neighborhood, and there had been no complaints in recent years. He added that Mr. Vrouhas had resided in Chelmsford for forty years and he was now asking for nothing more than to have permission to take this extra step to obtain a full alcholic license. Then Mr. Lannan read the contents aloud of the affidavit which had been presented to the board as evidence of proper notification of abutters. Mr. Lannan asked if any of the abutters were present. It was determined that none of the abutters who had been notified were present. Then Mr. Geary presented the Registered Mail, Return Receipt cards, with postal receipt sheet, for the board to keep as evidence of notification of the abutters. Then Mr. Lannan read aloud the contents of a petition received, and signed by twenty-six persons asking that the license be granted. Mr. Lannan also read aloud the contents of a letter received from the Building Inspector which indicated that the applicant does have sufficient parking space to comply with the town zoning by-laws for a business operation. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Geary for information as to the location of the business in relation to the apartment house located nearby. Mr. Geary explained the locations of the buildings. Mr. Lannan asked if any other persons present would care to speak in favor of the granting of the license. Mr. Albert H. Constantineau, of 8 Hitchin'post Road, spoke and he asked that the All Alcoholic Package Store License be granted. He stated he would like such a store to be located somewhat near his home, as it is now necessary to travel into center of town to make such purchases. Mr. Edward McKeon of 75 Garrison Road stated that he lives nearby and it would be an advantage to the residents of the area to have such a store located in the area. He said such a store would be handy for the residents of this area and he would favor the granting of such a license. Mr. Lannan asked if any persons wished to speak in opposition. There was no response. Mr. Lannan asked when the license was first granted and Mr. Vrouhas replied about ten years ago the Wines & Malt Beverages License was first granted. Then Mr. Lannan, at this point, read from a card index file, relating information about certain violations in 1962 and 1963, both for sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, and that suspensions of the license were ordered in both cases, for varying lengths of time, and that both suspensions had been upheld by the ABC. Mr. Lannan then cited the case of the building of the apartment house, which he understood had been done in violation of the zoning code. He said he realized the apartment house subject was not related to the issuance of the license, and for which this hearing is being conducted, but wished to point out the fact that the applicant had not in the past always followed legal requirements. Mr. Geary explained that the violations cited by Mr. Lannan did occur in 1962 and 1963, but the record was clean within the past nine years. He further explained that he felt the violations were due in part to his inexperience , and that a inquiry had been made of the police officer involved at the time, and he too was of this opinion. He emphasized that the sales record and operation of the business had been perfect since that time. Mr. Geary continued by saying that he felt the issue of the apartment house question was not germane to the subject under discussion, and he said the operation is consistent with the present zoning by-laws, and the by-laws which pre-existed. He said he felt that this subject should not be a matter of debate at this time. Mr. Lannan agreed then that the first violation could be attributed to inexperience, but a second violation could not, and when there is a violation of the zoning laws, this becomes serious. Mr. Lannan explained that the original permit was granted for a motel, to accomodate persons not of permanent residence, but records at the town hall indicated the persons now living here were of permanent status, and even automobile excise tax records also indicate this fact. Mr. Geary asked why this subject should come up at this time, and the matter is completely apart from the subject of a liquor license. Mr. Lannan stated that the subject had just been brought to the attention of the board now. Then Mr. Vrouhas commenced to speak but Atty. Geary requested a short recess to confer with his client. The request was granted and the board recessed for a period of about five minutes. Then the hearing reopened and Mr. Geary stated that the area has been a residential use since 1965 and that rentals were on a transient and weekly basis when the legal use pre-dated the present rules of the apartment zoning. Mr. Lannan emphasized that registered voters with registered vehicles are now there, and the question of zoning has come before the board. Mr. Lannan then asked if the board members had any questions. Mr. Hart inquired about the door now existing between the package store and the market, and if it will be closed off, if the new license is granted. Mr. Geary stated that plans had not been made to close off the door, but if the board desired this, his client would comply. Mr. Hart asked about the area of the store, and he said he understood the area would be enlarged for storage purposes. Mr. Vrouhas stated this was the plan. Mr. Humphrey then commented about the store entrance, as described on the application, and then he referred to the questions on the application about violations, and he asked why there had been no mention of the past violations and suspensions of the license. Mr. Vrouhas replied that there had been no court action. Mr. Geary added that it was felt that the questions should not be answered in the affirmative on the application since no court conviction had taken place. Mr. Humphrey listened to this explanation and then said he was willing to accept the statement. He also added that if the applicant does change the premises to accomodate the new license, then a plan of the store should be submitted, and te make changes in the premises would be improper without the knowledge of the licensing board. Mr. Geary assured the board that they would not expand beyond the present area of the building which is 20 ft. by 40 ft. Mr. Humphrey then said that the board can only entertain and consider what is before them, and is shown on the application. Mr. Geary again assured the board that the applicant would only use the 20 ft. by 40 ft. area. Mr. Doody asked about the storage area. Mr. Geary explained that the back or rear area of the present package area is used for the storage of market goods, and they will re-organize the use of this space. Mr. Doody said he has questions about the entrance from the market into the package store and Mr. Geary assured the board that this choice of keeping the entrance or closing it off, would be for the Selectmen to make, and he then explained details about the plans. Mr. Doody asked about the parking and Mr. Geary stated that there are parking spaces over the minimum required under the zoning by-law. Mr. Doody asked about the use of all the buildings on the premises and questions were asked about future building plans. Mr. Geary explained the use of present buildings, and that a proposal for other building is not at this location, but at another site down the road, where there is a permitted use under zoning regulations. Then Mr. Markham questioned the subject of storage and again Mr. Geary explained the plans. Mr. Markham commented that there is no interior layout. Mr. Geary stated that the presentation of an interior layout is not a requirement here and we do not have a plan. Mr. Markham asked if Mr. Vrouhas will manage the store himself. Mr. Geary stated yes, he would. Mr. Hart asked if the stores are closed off, and divided, will there be a person on duty during all times when the store is open for sale of merchandise. Mr. Geary answered "absolutely." Mr. Doody asked if a person is on duty, or managing, the package store at present all the time. Mr. Geary stated no, that as service is needed a clerk or Mr. Vrouhas would go from the market to the package store to wait on a customer. Mr. Doody asked about the set back from the road. Mr. Geary replied that it is fifty feet. Then Mr. Lannan stated that the hearing would be closed and the board would take the subject under advisement. The time was 8:40 P.M. at this point. Then Mr. Geary asked if the board would inform him of the date and time that the application was received. Mr. Lannan checked the application and read the date of March 28th, 1972 and the hour of 11:22 AM.

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Public Hearing held on the application of Ted's Market, Inc., Julia Chianis Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License.

At 8:30 a Public Hearing was scheduled on the application of Ted's Market, Inc., Julia Chianis, Manager, at 273 Chelmsford Street, for the issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License. The hearing did commence at 8:50 P.M. A tape recorder was used to obtain a record of testimony heard. Mr. Lannan read the application aloud, and outlined the procedure to be followed, by explaining that the applicant or her attorney would be heard first; then proponents, then opponents, and finally the board members would ask questions about the proposal. A large number of persons were present. The hearing was conducted in the larger meeting hall, outside the Selectmen's Office, to accomodate the visitors. Mr. Lannan then asked Mrs. Chianis if she wished to be represented by her counsel, and she replied in the affirmative. Mr. Lannan asked if records would be submitted to certify that all abutters had been properly notified. Then Atty. Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr. spoke and stated he had been engaged to represent the applicant and he presented the affidavit, and Registered Mail, Return Receipt Cards to the Chairman. Mr. Lannan read the names of the signers of the cards. At this point Atty. Coughlin identified himself as a practicing attorney with offices in Chelmsford and he then presented the case for his client. He commenced by saying that he had no charts, nor diagrams to show to the board, as he felt the board had knowledge of the premises, and the layout of the store and building, as Mrs. Chianis has held a Wines and Malt Beverages Package Store License for some period of time. He stated that she has operated the market for twenty-six years and has held a liquor license for ten years and the record speaks for itself and there never have been any complaints, nor had there been any violations. He stated that in Chelmsford the Selectmen have always felt that an applicant should merit the granting of licenses, and in this case, Mrs. Chianis has certainly gained this merit. He explained that she has not plans to enlarge the store or the parking lot. He said also that she supports two children; is a widow, and even though there is an all alcoholic pacakge store, the Westlands Package Store, not too far away, this should not by any means be a valid reason for denying the application before the board now. He said that the granting should not derogate from the area as this section does have numerous commercial businesses along the highway. He said that the applicant does merit the granting of such a license, as she has proved herself, she has sufficient space for eight to twelve cars, and there is no traffic hazard here, as there has been no such hazard at the Lerer store. He said that her service to the community, and her neighborhood, deserve your consideration, and then he stated he would like to present petitions, signed by some two hundred petitioners, to the board, asking that the license be approved. Then he concluded his presentation. At this point Mr. Lannan read a report which the board had received from the Building Inspector relating to the parking requirements and it was noted that the applicant does meet these by-law requirements. Then Mr. Lannan asked if any abutters were present, and if so, would they care to speak in favor of the granting of the license. Mr. Charles H. Curran of 277 Chelmsford Street, spoke and stated that he had lived there for twenty years and all during the time when the store has been operated with a license for ten years and he had no complaint with the way in which it was operated. He then said he favored the granting of the license. Then Mrs. Lucy M. Brown, of 281 Chelmsford Street, spoke and said she was in favor of the license. Next Gary S. Ashe, of 279 Chelmsford St. spoke and said he had known the family for quite awhile and Julia Chianis is a very worthy person, and he said he was in favor of the license. Then Peter J. McHugh, of 134 Pine Hill Road, spoke and stated that the applicant had grown up in Chelmsford and she is now a widow with children, and she deserves the license and it should be given to her rather than to a new resident. Mary H. Long of of 283 Chelmsford Street spoke in favor of the license, and referred to the applicant as a wonderful person. Then John Conrad, Jr. of 3 Wildwood Street spoke in favor of granting the license and he commented that the applicant has a need for having such a license and she is a woman trying to support her family. Mary T. Griffin of 18 Pearson Street told the board of an incident whereby the applicant had taken very careful precautions before selling wines and malt beverages to a member of her family and she then said the applicant is most deserving of such a license and she would favor the granting. John G. Harrington of 145 Boston Road, stated he supported Julia Chianis in her request for this license. Mr. Richard E. Manseau of 24 Wildwood Street, stated he was in favor. Miss Martha R. Dupee of 3 Lantern Lane stated she was in favor of the license. Mrs. Sandra L. Manseau said she was in favor of the license. Then Frederick Gagnon of 45 Chelmsford Street stated he, too, favored the license and he informed the board that the applicant had been very careful in the past in the operation of her business. Mr. Lannan asked at this point if there were any persons present who wished to speak in opposition. There was a short pause and no one spoke against the application. Then Mr. Lannan read aloud from the letter received from Mr. Harold Lerer, Proprietor of the Westlands Package Store , in which Mr. Lerer asked that the board consider various aspects of the subject, such as location of the premises, and the proximity to other existing package stores. Also Mr. Lannan read the contents aloud from a letter from Mr. Paul E. Clougherty of 2 Janet Road, in which the sender had approved the granting of the license. Mr. Lannan then asked if the board members had any questions. Mr. Hart asked if there would be any remodeling of the store, if the license is granted. Atty. Coughlin replied that there might be a little remodeling done such as installation of new shelves, and it was thought that there is enough space now to accomodate the new merchandise. Questions were asked about the time of closing and it was stated that they close about 9:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. and the store is open six days each week, and there would be a person on duty at all times. Mr. Humphrey commented on the subject of violations of the present license, and he said that the present holder, Julia Chianis, had never had any violations. He then asked if the applicant planned to continue the same type of operation. Mrs. Chianis stated she would still like to continue selling some grocery items, such as milk, bread and chips. Mr. Coughlin assured the board that the operation would be very similar as the present one. Mr. Doody asked if there was an entrance to the store from the house and the applicant said there was. He asked then if someone would always be on duty, if the new license is granted. Mrs. Chianis stated that there is always someone on duty there, such as a member of the family, a relative, or an employee. Mr. Doody asked the distance to the Lerer store and Mr. Coughlin replied about one-quarter of a mile. Mr. Doody then asked if the parking area is graveled, or paved. Mr. Coughlin stated it is a gravel type, but can be hot-topped. Mr. Doody asked for the set back distance from Chelmsford Street of the building and Mr. Coughlin stated it perhaps would be fifty feet, and there is a semi-circular driveway. Mr. Markham stated he understood the first license was granted in 1961 and there had been no violations. Mr. Lannan concurred as he had records of these facts in front of him. Mr. Markham asked if Mrs. Chianis would continue to operate the store and would there be new employees. Mrs. Chianis replied that she would oversee the operation and she might hire a new employee. Mr. Lannan commented that the present application before the board is the same as the license in force, such as the description, of the premises and facilities available. This was acknowledged to be correct. Then Mr. Gary S. Ashe questioned the subject matter contained in the letter which had been read by Mr. Lannan and which had been sent by Mr. Lerer. He stated that there could be a need for this store, as the community had grown so much and he reminded the board that there will be in the future a shopping center built in the rear of this property, and it is logical to believe that a package store might be needed. He stated that with so many new residents in new areas, there could be a need for more stores, and the new stores cannot be located in residential areas; they must be located in commercial zones, and this location is in such a district, and, therefore, is justified. Then Mr. Lannan closed the hearing as no other persons desired to speak. The hearing ended at about 9:15 P.M. and it was announced that the Selectmen would now take the application under advisement.

Public Hearing continues on the application of Ted's Market, Inc Julia Chianis, Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

A letter was received from the Sewer Commission in which the name of Joseph M. Gutwein was submitted as a nominee for appointment as a member of the Committee to be appointed to study the problems of Liquid Waste Disposal. It was noted that no resume had been submitted with the letter. It was decided to make a second request of the Sewer Commission, and the member(s) who wished to serve to forward the needed resume, as the board desired to make the best appointment possible, and thus wished to make a selection, on the basis of qualification and background experience and interest.

Board requests that a resume be sent to them for appointment to [illegible].

Chairman of Youth Center Committee indicates he cannot serve in the future.

Letters were received from Mr. Alphonse A. Beauregard in which he informed the board that he could not serve in the future on the Youth Center Committee. It was decided that a letter of appreciation should be prepared to recognize his service to the young people of the town. He also submitted a list of names of nominees for appointment for 1972 to the Youth Center Committee. The board decided to take this matter under advisement for future consideration.

Selectmen to attend Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

The board instructed the Adm. Assist. to make several reservations to attend the Annual Dinner of the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Lowell Area.

Contract awarded for Center and North Bus Service

Details to be requested for East Bus Service.

Next the board considered the subject of awarding contracts for Bus Service now that the voters had appropriated the necessary funds. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to award the contract for Bus Service from May 1972 to May 1973 to the Marinel Transportation, Inc., for sum of $20,000. for service from the Center and North to Kearney Square, Lowell. It was also decided to forward an inquiry to the Vocell Bus Company to learn their intentions for offering bus service to the residents of East Chelmsford, and if they would continue this service, or would they now cease to pick up passengers without a subsidy payment from the town. Also it was decided to ask for financial data from the Vocell Company about income from fares and subsidy from the Town of Billerica, and the amount of fare between points in East Chelmsford to Lowell. It was also decided to inquire from the Selectmen's Office in Billerica the amount of subsidy being paid to the Vocell Company and also the amount paid for 1971.

Special Emergency Duty Police Officers Appointed for Towns of Westford and Billerica.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint sixteen persons, per list submitted and recommended by Police Chief, Robert E. Germann, as Special Police Officers for the Town of Westford, for emergency duty, without pay from the town. Names of each officer to be found in files of the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint forty-four persons, per list submitted and recommended by the Police Chief, Robert E. Germann, as Special Officers for the Town of Billerica, for emergency duty, without pay from the town. Names of each officer to be found in files of the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

Liquor License Applications Received.

On motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted to authorize the Adm. Assist. to process the applications for advertising, and setting up public hearings for Matt Doyle, Inc., and Henry J. and Mary E. Finneral, for issuance of All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store Licenses.

Conference planned with all parties involved in the writing of a Work. Comp. Ins. Policy.

A memorandum was received from the Adm. Assist. that Mr. Henrick R. Johnson, a member of the Insurance Advisory Committee, had contacted Mr. Howard Leighton of the Norcross & Leighton Insurance Agency to see if the problems relating to the cancellation of a Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy can be resolved and Mr. Johnson reported that Mr. Leighton desired to meet with the Selectmen. It was finally decided to schedule an appointment with all the parties involved, including the representative from the Lumbermen's Mutual Ins. Co. to see if an understanding can be reached.

Announcement made that an Industrial Firm will locate in Chelmsford.

Mr. Lannan announced that the Industrial Development Commission Representative has learned that the Silicon Company will locate in Chelmsford and this fact should be veneficial to the economy of the town.

Fire Chief requested to submit report.

Mr. Humphrey asked that a second reminder be forwarded to the Fire Chief to ask that he submit his report to the board concerning inspections of gas storage facilities in the town, as a safeguard precaution, since some tragic explosions had occurred in nearby communities.

Bldg. Insp. requested to check fill removals.

Mr. Doody requested that the Building Inspector submit a report to the board concerning the legality of fill removal from two locations off Crooked Spring Road and Meadowbrook Road, and if they are found to be illegal, to take the necessary steps to stop this removal work.

Mr. Doody then informed the board that the young people in the town were planning to hold a Youth March on Sunday, June 4th, 1972 and the purpose of this event will be the raising of funds for Camp Paul, the local Youth Center and the Hunger Foundation, which operates outside of the United States. He explained that Mr. Harry A. Foster, Jr., has requested an appointment with the Selectmen to offer the details of this event. It was decided to hold the conference with Mr. Foster on May 1st, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Selectmen informed of plans for a Youth March. Conference to be held to explain this event.

Mr. Doody spoke about the subject of Recycling which had been approved at the last session of the Annual Town Meeting and he stated that steps should now be taken to implement the project. Mr. Lannan informed the board that the Supt. of Streets is presently working on the subject and that racks must be made up and installed on the waste collection trucks to carry the paper. It was finally decided that the Environmental Advisory Council should be informed that the department is checking into the type of racks to be obtained. Mr. Humphrey suggested that perhaps the Nashoba School could work on the project of making the necessary racks and coordinate the effort with the Supt. of Streets and the EAC. Mr. Nystrom of the Nashoba School was present during this discussion and he stated that it perhaps would be possible to design a suitable rack in the metal fabricating shop, and he offered to work with the Supt. of Streets.

Discussion follows re: Recycling Plans.

Mr. Doody then gave a status report of the Capital Planning and Budgeting Project and he said that all reports and responses had come in and the data was being assembled for future use. He said also that at this time he would like to submit the names of nominees to serve on the Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee, all of whom had indicated their willingness to serve on such a committee. The nominees mentioned were:

1. Edgar P. George, 5 Brentwood Rd., 3. Robert E. Brogan, 71 Westford St.,
2. Edward G. Krasnecki, 65 Dalton Road, 4. Robert P. Sullivan, 35 High Street.

These four persons would be the public members, Mr. Doody explained, and various other town departments and boards would be represented on the committee. It was decided to take final action on these appointments at a later date.

Report given re: Capital Planning and Budgeting Project.

Mr. Doody asked that a second request be sent to the Street Supt. for a report of his plans for repairs and improvements to Graniteville Road.

Street Supt. requested to file report for repairs to town road.

Mr. Markham spoke on the subject of the East Chelmsford Fire Station Site Committee and he suggested, and the board members concurred, that the present committee should continue their work, and they now should consider alternate sites for a Fire Station, and report back to the Selectmen and the Town Meeting. Mr. Markham then suggested that two more persons be appointed to the Site Committee, both persons having shown interest in the subject, and having spoken at the town meeting. Mr. Markham named Mr. Daniel P. Leahy, of 6 Albina Street, and Mr. Walter S. McNamara of 74 Carlisle Street. Questions were asked if the committee has funds available for appraisals which now may be needed and it was stated that funds were probably not available. Then Mr. Markham moved that Mr. Leahy and Mr. McNamara be appointed. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted.

Discussion follows re: East Chelmsford Fire Station Site Committee. New committee members appointed.

Mr. Humphrey requested that the Police Chief now submit the names of nominees for appointment to the Police Station Addition Committee. The board members agreed that this should be done.

Police Chief requested to forward names of nominees for appointment to Bldg. Com.

Mr. Hart then gave a brief report of the status of the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee work and it was stated that the town is still waiting for a report and legal opinion from the Attorney General. It was decided that inquiries should be sent to state officials about this matter.

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Then the members of the press were invited to ask questions about the meeting. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:25 P.M. For the Board of Selectmen by AHCoburn Adm. Assist.

Election Officers Appointed.

The following mentioned Election Officer appointments were approved on April 24th, 1972.

1. Agnes J. Roy, 64 Meadowbrook Road; As Deputy Warden for Precinct 3 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
2. Rita P. Barry, 27 Berkeley Drive; as Deputy Clerk for Precinct 3 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
3. Lorraine C. Anderson, 100 Main Street; as Inspector for Precinct 3 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
4. Lorraine Jeffrey, 91 Crooked Spring Road, as Inspector for Precinct 3 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
5. Helena J. Couto, 66 Meadowbrook Road, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 3 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
6. Alice A. Armistead, 71 Proctor Road; as Inspector for Precinct 5 (Term exp 4/26/72
7. Lorraine M. Murphy, 12 Swain Road; as Deputy Warden for Precinct 7 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
8. Virginia Thursby, 16 Swain Road, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 7 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
9. Patricia A. Merrill, 108 Dunstable Road, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 7 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
10. Elizabeth R. Harrison, 5 Latch Road, as Deputy Warden for Precinct 8 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
11. Katherine F. Mulgrew, 9 Fairbanks Road, as Inspector for Precinct 8 (term exp: 4/26/72)
12. Delia M. Loiselle, 190 North Road, as Inspector for Precinct 12 (Term exp:4/26/72)
13. Elizabeth A. Smith, 90 Dunstable Road, as Deputy Warden for Precinct 12 (Term exp: 4/26/72)
14. Betty I. Davis, 174 North Road, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 12 (Tm.Exp:4/26/2)
15. Catherine A. Pounder, 26 Walnut Rd., as Inspector, for Prec. 12., (Tm.E:4/26/72)

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, April 24th, 1972, at 7:15 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Reporters from the news media were present as follows:
1. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:17 P.M.
2. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:43 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Labor Contract signing postponed.

The signing of a Police Department Labor Contract, scheduled for 7:15 P.M., was postponed until a later date.

Study to be made to determine if Civil Defense Committee can be enlarged.

An application was received from Mr. George James Brown of 73 Jordan Road, for appointment as a member of the Civil Defense Committee. Mr. Lannan indicated to the board that it might now be advisable to determine if the present three-member Civil Defense Committee could be explaned to a larger committee, so that the Town Purchasing Officer could serve on the committee, as well as other persons who might be interested in this town department. The Adm. Assistant was requested to study the subject to determine if the board can enlarge the committee membership.

Use of Center Town Hall Approved.

Approval was given to the Chelmsford Colonial Minutement for the use of the Upper Room at the Center Town Hall on Wednesday evening, May 3rd, 1972 between the hours of 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the monthly muster.

Ceremony conducted to sign Proclamation.

At 7:30 P.M. a short ceremony was held for the signing of a Proclamation for the Chelmsford Jaycee-ettes. Mrs. Eleanor Kelly and Mrs. Janet Snyder, members of the organization were present. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to proclaim "Ride A Bike for the Retarded" Day on Sunday, April 30th, 1972, and to urge town citizens to support this urgent cause.

The Selectmen then approved the appointment of the following-named persons as Temporary Election Officers for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuesday, April 25th, 1972: (All terms expire: 4/26/72)

1. Judith E. Provencal, 82 Boston Road, as Inspector for Precinct 1,
2. Mary F. Beaubien, 179 High Street, as Inspector for Precinct 1,
3. Yvette M. Lemire, 21 Clinton Avenue, as Dep. Insp. for Precinct 1,
4. Marjorie J. Linstad, 65 Locke Road, as Deputy Warden for Prec. 1,
5. Dorothy Fernsten, 18 Bradford Road, as Deputy Insp. for Prec. 3,
6. Helen F. Crafts, 9 Latch Road, as Dep. Insp. for Precinct 6,
7. Dorothy H. McGuire, 25 Walnut Road, as Insp. for Precinct 8,
8. Cynthia Ryder, 16 Fenwick Road, as Clerk for Precinct 10,
9. Gladys M. Dubey, 45 Dunstan Road, as Deputy Clerk, for Precinct 10,
10. Marie A. Laliberte, 23 Fenwick Drive as Inspector for Precinct 10,
11. Harold J. Henkel, 45 Maple Road, as Deputy Inspector for Precinct 10,
12. Lillian T. Judge, 4 Buckman Drive, as Deputy Warden, for Precinct 11,
13. Alice M. Fielding, 37 Stedman Street, as Inspector. for Precinct 11,
14. Julia R. Zuis, 30 Ripley Street, as Deputy Clerk, for Precinct 12,
15. Marcia McCarthy, 60 Groton Road, as Inspector for Precinct 12,
16. Elaine M. Dunn, 37 First Street, as Inspector for Precinct 1.

Temporary Election Officers Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of meeting of April 4th, 1972, provided that wording on Page 166 (Page 6 of memorandum copies) be changed from "Crooked Spring Reservation to Story Brook Reservation,"per request of Mr. Doody.

Minutes approved and accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11th, 1972.

Minutes approved and accepted.

It was decided to take no action at this time on the acceptance of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19th, 1972 to allow the board members additional time to read the material.

Acceptance of minutes postponed.

A letter was received from Atty. Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., in which he stated that the owners and officers of the Chelmsford Country Club, Inc., now desired to have permission to withdraw their application for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Common Victualer License for the premises at 66 Park Road, without prejudice, at this time. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant this permission, and to return the documents to the applicants through their attorney. Adv. Costs: $10.00.

Application for Liquor License Withdrawn per request of applicant.

A letter was received from the state DPW, District Highway Engineer, Mr. Mistretta, asking that the board establish a priority basis for the various school zones which will be established in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 616, Acts of 1967, and to then have the Selectmen execute the nine application forms, by signing same. It was decided to have the documents forwarded to the Planner for the Highway Department for completion, and to instruct the Planner and the Police Department to work together to establish the priority list.

Applications received and priority list to be prepared for School Zones.

A letter was received from Mr. John C. Alden, a member of the Historical Commission, in which he asked the Selectmen if future custody and responsibility of an old town spraying machine could be transferred to the supervision of the Histrocial Commission. The board decided to ask if the other members of the commission do, in fact, approve this transfer of custody, and if so, then a communication should come from the Commission to the board. A question will also be asked as to the location where the equipment would be stored if the Historical Commission were placed in control.

Inquiry received re: future custody of Spraying Equipment.

An invitation was received from Mrs. Mary M. Gagnon, Town Coordinator, for CTI in which she invited board members to attend a Conference on Aging to be held on Wednesday, May 3rd, 1972. Mr. Lannan and Mr. Hart

Invitation received to attend Meeting indicated they would plan to attend.

Report rec'd. from Fire Chief re: Inspections made of Propane Gas Facilities.

A letter was received from the Fire Chief in which he informed the board that he had made various inspections of propane gas storage facilities as a precautionary measure, per original request of the Selectmen, after two serious explosions had occurred in nearby communities. Chief Reid reported that to his knowledge there are no installations in Chelmsford similar to those that caused the problems in Lowell and Tewksbury,

School Committee seeks advice from Town Counsel. Permission Granted.

A letter was received from the School Committee in which they requested that they be permitted to obtain a legal opinion from the Town Counsel to determine if it would be legal for the teachers to have a "Sick Leave Bank" for them to draw upon, at time of an extended illness. The board approved this request provided that the subject has been included, and is a part of the present Labor Agreement.

Town Counsel requested to file duplicate copies of legal opinions with board.

At this point Mr. Humphrey asked that a reminder be forwarded to the Town Counsel to request that he submit duplicate copies of all legal opinions to the Selectmen, so that this information will be available to the board and can be placed on file for future reference, as similar requests might be received later, and, if so, the information would be readily available; thus saving the need for obtaining a new legal opinion.

Inquiry re: progress of establishing street bounds on Alpine Lane

A letter was received from George Hedrick, Manager of the Alpine Lanes, in which he inquired if the town had determined the street bounds on Alpine Lanes, as this work had been planned since the Fall of 1971. Mr. Lannan reported that the engineering work to establish the road bounds is underway , after which the lines will be painted on the roadway. He suggested that Mr. Hedrick be informed of this fact, and the board agreed that this should be done.

Emergency Employment of Librarian Approved.

A letter was received from Mr. Roger P. Welch, Chairman of the Library Trustees in which he requested that the Selectmen approve the temporary emergency employment of Mrs. Edith M. Pickles, for a period of ninety days. Mr. Welch explained that Mrs. Pickles will retire on May 1st, 1972 and that her replacement will not come on duty until July 1972, and that an emergency does now exist. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to approve the emergency employment of Mrs. Edith M. Pickles for a ninety-day period.

Conservation Commission requests assistance from Highway Dept. for needed repairs at reservation

A letter was received from the Conservation Commission stating that certain repairs and perhaps removal work will be necessary at the Lime Quarry Reservation due to severe damage to a footbridge, and a request was made for the Highway Dept. to assist the Conservation Commission members in this work. The board agreed that the Highway Department should assist and that the Conservation Commission Chairman should now contact the Supt. of Streets to determine what is needed, to make repairs, or to remove the bridge.

Request for character report rec'd.

A request was received from the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth for a character reference for two Incorporators of Ease, Inc., and the board directed that the Police Chief should now conduct a Police and Character Investigation as these persons named are not known to the board members.

Hearing held for Increase in Storage Capacity of Gasoline and Oils, at property of Raymond T. Osborn.

At 8:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was held on the Application of Raymond T. Osborn for an increase in the storage of gasoline, oils, and related products from a total of 9,550 gallons, to a new total of 26,100 gallons, at a service station located at 8 Littleton Road. A tape recorder was used for this hearing. Mr. Lannan read the application aloud. Atty. Nicholas J. Mazzoni, was present and he stated he would represent the applicant and the leasee, the Texaco, Inc., Mr. Mazzoni stated that the Texaco Company has a long-term lease for this property from Mr. Osborn and they now are tearing down the old building and would build a new station. He stated that there were two 4,000 gallon tanks for gasoline and the Fire Chief had recommended that they be removed and new and larger tanks be installed. He explained that there will be three 8,000 gallon tanks; and they would be used for three different types of gasoline products; such as Regular Gas, Premium Gas and the Low Leaded Gas, and there will be a pump island and the Fire Chief has approved same. Mr. Lannan asked if the abutters had been notified. Mr. Mazzoni stated that this had been done and that the return receipts from Registered Mail Notices had been returned, and they, together with the proof of mailings, had been presented to the Adm. Assist. Then Mr. Lannan read the contents aloud from a letter from the Fire Chief in which his recommendations were given. Mr. Mazzoni stated that the contractor, Mr. John Tousignant, was present, as well as two representatives from the Texaco Company, Mr. Thomas McGarry and Mr. L. A. Rooney. Mr. Mazzoni explained that there had been two old tanks in the ground for gasoline and the new tanks had not been installed as yet in the ground. Plans were displayed to show the locations of the new proposed tanks. Then questions were asked about the description of the new service station facility to be built. It was stated that it would be of colonial architecture, with red-brick facing and with a cupola. Mr. Humphrey then spoke and stated that he understood that this application would be for tripling the capacity. Then he said he would ask a certain question and he cautioned those present as to how they answered the question. He then asked "Have any of the tanks been removed or disconntected?" Also he stated he had noticed that a tank had been delivered to the premises. Mr. Tousignant replied to the question by saying "No." Then Mr. Humphrey asked about an old tank which is on the property, and this further questioning brought out the fact that, indeed, a tank had been removed, and that a new tank had been delivered erronesously. It was also stated that the tank which had been removed was for the Waste Oil. Then Mr. Humphrey stated that the answer to his earlier question should be "Yes" , and that the record should now show that the Fuel Oil Tank had been removed, and the board should make notation that these changes had taken place prior to a time when action had been taken by the board on the new application. He said he was trying to point out that something is being taken for granted that shouldn't be. Then Mr. Larry Rooney asked the board if a permit is needed to remove a tank, and Mr. Rooney commented that he did not believe this is a requirement. Then Mr. Doody asked about the changes in the tanks and Mr. Mazzoni explained that these changes were for precautionary measures and for storage of the three types of gasoline products. Mr. Doody asked about the size of the tank removed and the one to be installed and Mr. Mazzoni stated it was a 500 gallon size in each case. Mr. Humphrey asked about the age of these tanks and Mr. Mazzoni stated it would be about twenty years. Mr. Markham asked if the station, when completed, would be under the same management and Mr. Mazzoni stated that the lease contract will expire during February 1973 and the Texaco Company will take a hard look at this aspect at that time. Mr. Markham stated he hoped that there will be better maintenance of the outside areas in the future. Then Mr. Lannan asked if any abutters desired to speak. There was no response. Then Mr. Lannan stated the hearing would be closed if the board and those present had no further questions. At this point Mr. Lannan asked if the board wished to take the matter under advisement. Mr. Humphrey then asked that the board consider taking the application under advisement. Mr. Markham asked the persons present if they were now waiting for permission to install the tanks. Mr. Tousignant stated that they want the permit first before making the installations, and the tank on the premises had been delivered by mistake, and the tank must be installed soon, as it is in the way of the building construction. The hearing then closed. Mr. Markham stated he was opposed to taking the application under advisement. Mr. Humphrey then asked Mr. Markham if he wished to make a motion to act at this time and Mr. Markham replied that he did not wish to make such a motion.

Hearing continues for application of Raymond T. Osborn for increase in storage facilities for gasoline, oils, and related products at 8 Littleton Road.

Request made to Building Inspector to investigate charges of zoning violations at East Gate Shopping Center.

Mr. Humphrey then referred to the comments made at the past Annual Town Meeting by Mrs. Ruth K. Delaney at which time a zoning change was under consideration for area off Evergreen Street and adjacent to the East Gate Shopping Center. Mr. Humphrey stated that various charges were made by the speaker at town meeting, and they related to various existing zoning violations, which the speaker believed to be unresolved and uncorrected. Mr. Humphrey commented that he believed to his knowledge there are no existing violations. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the Building Inspector be instructed to review all the records about this area and determine if any such violations do, in fact, exist, and to make a written report to the Selectmen on this subject, and that such report should be filed with the board as soon as possible, and by May 1st if all facts can be determined. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Hearing conducted on application of East Gate Liquor Mart for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

At 8:30 P.M. a Public Hearing was conducted on the application of East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., William J. Burliss, General Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License at 286 Rear Chelmsford Street. A tape recorder was used at this hearing to obtain a detailed verbatim record of all the testimony. Mr. Lannan read the application. There were about twenty-five persons present and the hearing was held in the larger meeting room, outside of the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Lannan outlined the procedure to be followed; stating that the applicant and his attorney, then proponents, and later proponents would be heard, after which the board members would be invited to ask questions. Then Atty. George B. Leahey, of the Law Firm, Goldman, Goldman, Curtis & Cashman, of 8 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass. spoke. Mr. Leahey stated that his firm had been engaged to represent the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., as counsel for this hearing. Mr. Leahey then presented the affidavit to the board which gave evidence that all the abutters had been notified, as required by law. Mr. Leahey stated that Mr. William J. Burliss was present, and that this is a Massachusetts Corporation, and Mr. Burliss is listed as Present, Treasurer and General Manager, and is the sole owner of the business. He further explained that Mr. Burliss is experienced in sales and inventory work for liquor stores, and that he has been a Manager since November 1971 of the Den Rock Liquor Store. Mr. Leahey stated that Mr. Burliss will resign his present position if this license is granted. Mr. Leahey then told the board that there is now an agreement with Mr. DeMoulas to construct a building at the East Gate Shopping Plaza, which will cost in the vicinity of $25,000, and the dimensions of same will be 100 ft. by 35 ft., and this building will be located in the rear of the DeMoulas Office Building and Anton's Cleaning Shop. Plans were displayed to show the location of the building and the floor plan of same. Then Atty. Leahey explained the plans in some detail. He said the height of the structure would be about sixteen feet, and there is adequate parking in the area. He explained that there are about 539 parking spaces in the shopping area now and the area is zoned for a shopping center, and there would be benefits to the town such as additional tax income. He emphasized that the manager is experienced and he urged the board to consider the application and to act favorably on the license. Mr. Lannan asked if any abutters were present who might like to speak in favor of the license. There was no response. Then Mr. Lannan asked if there would be any other testimony to be given in favor of the application. No one spoke at this point. Then Mr. Lannan asked if those in opposition to the granting would like to speak. Mrs. Ruth K. Delaney of 14 Evergreen Street, spoke and she commenced to comment on the various problems, such as zoning violations, which she believed to exist at this area. Mr. Lannan informed Mrs. Delaney that the board was not interested in zoning problems or other matters which did not pertain to the application before the board. Mrs. Delaney stated that she felt these subjects, which she wished to speak about, would have an affect on the license and the use of the premises. Mr. Lannan stated that the zoning matters were of an entirely different subject. Mrs. Delaney then asked if the list of names of abutters could be read. Mr. Lannan obliged and read the list of names. Mrs. Delaney then commenced to speak about zoning matters again, citing a certain section of the by-law. Mr. Lannan then stated strongly that he will not permit a zoning discussion. Mrs. Delaney then commented that she believed the applicants could not obtain a building permit. A discussion then followed on this point and then Mrs. Delaney referred to the address cited in the application, as 286 Rear Chelmsford Street and yet, she said, we are referring to 288 Chelmsford Street, and she stated that all abutters had not been notified. Then Mr. Lannan read excerpts of the General Laws relating to liquor license applications and the procedures to be followed. Mrs. Delaney explained that the address in question is not 286 Rear Chelmsford Street, but it should be another number and she asked if the board were interested to hear about this particular subject. The board members indicated they had no objection. Mrs. Delaney then said that the Planning Board Map of some two years ago shows the property in such a way as to indicate that the address should be 288 Chelmsford Street, and she said one abutter had not been notified. Mr. Humphrey asked the procedures which are followed in such matters. Mr. Coburn then read the material which had been sent to the applicant and his attorney, outlining the procedures and calling attention to the fact that it was incumbent upon the applicant to check the list of abutters and be certain to notify all persons whose property does actually abut the premises to be licensed. Mr. Humphrey stated then that if an abutter had not been notified, the abutter then can appeal the decision if he wished to. Mrs. Delaney asked if the Building Inspector had been requested to give a report for parking facilities at this location. Mr. Lannan stated Mr. McHugh had been requested to furnish the board with a report and he then read the contents of this letter aloud, and which indicated that there is presently ample parking space available. Mrs. Delaney then asked if the board would care to comment on the subject ofparking. Mr. Lannan commented that the Building Inspector would later study the matter, if a building permit is applied for, and he outlined the procdures which the Building Inspector will follow. Mrs. Delaney stated at this point that the number of parking spaces shown is not legal and some of these spaces should not be counted. Then Mrs. Delaney concluded her statements. Mr. Lannan asked if others wished to be heard on the matter. Mrs. Dorothy G. Lerer, of 231 Chelmsford Street, spoke and stated that she had attended recent meetings on the subject of this area, and she recalled that Atty. Curtis had stated several facts about the need for additional store space, and that Mrs. DeMoulas was choking from lack of parking space. She said she questioned the subject of parking facilities, and there is a question on the counting of truck stalls. She said then she was definitely opposed to the granting of this license and she asked, in conclusion, that the applicant be identified, and if he was in fact a relative of Mr. DeMoulas. Mr. Leahey answered the question and said that Mr. Burliss is a nephew of Mr. DeMoulas. Then Mr. Lannan read from records on file with the board as to the list of officers, the ownership of the corporation, and from the votes of the corporation to name the officers and manager. Mr. George Haggerty of 5 Eugenie Terrace, asked a question about the parking. Mr. Leahey explained that there had been a request

Public Hearing continues on application of East Gate Liquor Mart for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License.

Hearing continues for the application of East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc. for issuance of a license to sell All Alcoholic beverages as a Retail Package Goods Store License.

for a rezoning of the area for additional parking needs because the Grant Store wanted to enlarge their store space, and thus additional parking would be needed to meet the requirements of the zoning by-laws. Mr. Leahey stated there would be a loss of about fourteen spaces for this new building for the liquor store. Mrs. Ruth A. Imbernino of 35 Evergreen Street, questioned the parking facilities and she emphasized that traffic and parking congestion is bad and the area is saturated. She stated further that the traffic problems are most severe. She also commented that some of the abutters named are not here inasmuch as they are connected with the DeMoulas Company. Mr. Cristy Pettee of 90 Westford Street, spoke and questioned the areas described in the Letter from the Building Inspector. He also called attention to the fact that allegations had been made at the Annual Town Meeting about this shopping center and that zoning violations might exist, and he stated he felt the licensing authorities would be remiss in not checking out these matters. Mr. Lannan then announced to all that were present that the board had taken taken to investigate the allegations made at the Town Meeting, and it had been voted unanimously to instruct the Building Inspector to submit a complete written report on this subject. Mrs. Delaney then thanked the board for taking this action. Then Harold Lerer of 231 Chelmsford Street, spoke and stated he opposed the granting of this license. Mrs. Ruth A. Imbernino of 35 Evergreen Street, then reminded the board that there is already one all alcoholic, and one Wines and Malt Beverages license in force within a two miles. Then Mrs. Julia C. Chianis of 273 Chelmsford Street spoke and asked Mr. Lannan to read aloud a letter which she had sent to the board. Mr. Lannan later read the letter which indicated that the board should, in the opinion of Mrs. Chianis, hesitate to grant such a license for several reasons. John C. Harrington of 145 Boston Road, stated he was opposed to the granting of the license for obvious reasons. Mrs. Dorothy G. Lerer then asked if the board would rear the letter she had sent in previously to indicate her opposition to the granting of new all alcoholic licenses in this area. Mr. Lannan stated that the letter had been read at a previous hearing and the board would continue to consider the reasons given. Mrs. M. Angelique White of 11 Juniper Street spoke and said she was opposed to the granting of the license. Mrs. Mary B. McNally of 163 Dalton Road stated she was opposed to the granting of the license. Mrs. Irene E. Murphy of 5 Juniper Street expressed opposition to the granting ofthe license. Mrs. Louise M. Harrington of 145 Boston Road stated she opposed the granting of the license. Then, when no more objectors wished to speak at this time, Mr. Lannan asked the board members if they had any questions. Mr. Hart asked questions as to the parking facilities and the location of the building. He stated he was concerned about the loss of parking spaces. Mr. Leahey then tried to explain the subject of parking facilities and he indicated that there would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the town by-law. Mr. Hart asked if Atty. Leahey represented the DeMoulas Company at the Annual Town Meeting, when a re-zoning request was made. Mr. Leahey stated that our firm represents the DeMoulas Company. Mr. Hart asked Mr. Leahey if he did, in fact, state at the town meeting that more parking spaces are needed. Mr. Leahey stated that he could not recall all of his statements at the town meeting. Then Mr. Humphrey asked questions about the ownership of the East Gate Liquor Mart Inc., and Mr. Leahey explained about the corporation financing and the procedures for the issuance of stock in the corporation. Mr. Humphrey asked if Mr. Burliss is the sole owner and Mr. Leahey stated he was. Mr. Humphrey then asked about the estimated value of the building to be erected, and how did the applicant arrive at the estimated figure mentioned earlier in the hearing. Mr. Leahey stated he did not know how this estimate was received. Mr. Humphrey then asked if the applicant is familiar with the liquor laws. Then Mr. William J. Burliss, Manager of the company, stated his address of 25 Totman Road, Dracut, and he explained that he is familiar and does know some of the liquor law requirements, and that he has been the General Manager of a liquor store for about eight months, and previously he had other experience in this line of work; with a total experience over a three year period. Mr. Humphrey asked if there had been any liquor law violations at a time when he worked at these stores. After some discussion, as Mr. Burliss did not quite understand the question, it was brought out that there had not been any violations at the stores while he worked at these locations. Mr. Burliss answered the question there had been no violations whatsoever while he was in charge, but one did occur after he no longer worked there.

Mr. Doody asked questions about the location of the building and if there will be a common wall between the new and existing buildings. Mr. Leahey explained that the buildings will be located next to each other and there will be a space between. Mr. Markham asked about the wall of the new building and its approximate location. Mr. Leahey then tried to answer these questions. Mr. Markham askedthat the Building Inspector check on the boundary locations of the older buildings, and he suggested that an opinion be obtained from the Bldg. Insp. for clarification to determine if the new building is properly located in relation to the rear boundary or lot line, and if the proposed location of the new building will be within the present zoning by-law requirements. Mr. Markham asked questions about the stores where Mr. Burliss had worked in the past, and the violation that had occurred. Mr. Burliss stated that he had worked at the Stadium Liquor Mart, and a violation had occurred, and that he had worked at the Den Rock Liquor Mart where no violation had occurred. He explained that the violation seemed to be the serving of minors but this was after he left the store. Mr. Pettee asked if the corporation directors could sell the other shares of authorized, but unissued stock. Mr. Leahey said this could be done, but not without the express approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and the local Licensing Board. Mrs. Lerer then asked that the board have the Town Counsel check this question. At this point Mr. Lannan read sections of the General Laws to clarify this point. Mrs. Lerer asked questions about the dates of employment of the persons named on the application. Mrs. Louise Harrington asked questions about any financial help given to the applicants, and the certificate of beneficial interest filed by the applicants. Mr. Lannan then read aloud from these documents to answer these questions. Mr. Lannan asked if any other objectors wished to speak. There were none at this time. Mr. Lannan then read the contents aloud of the letter received from Mrs. Julia C. Chianis. Finally Mrs. Ruth A. Imberino of 35 Evergreen Street asked that the board seriously consider the points brought out by Mrs. Chianis in her letter and she then said that Mrs. Chianis has the respect of the residents of the whole area. Then at about 9:30 P.M. the hearing closed and the board took the subject under advisement.

Public Hearing continues on application of East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc. for issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store License.

Mr. Markham, under the heading of new business asked questions about the following-mentioned matters:

1. That a fence is being constructed on or near the town easement at Lupien Pond and it should be detetmined by the Town Engineer if the fence is on the easement, and if so, it could block persons from going into the town area. He also asked when the screen will be placed over the outlet, as referred to by Supt. of Streets in a previous letter. The board agreed that this information should be obtained.
2. That the status of the legal suit against Paul Sullivan of Stedman Street should be determined. Mr. Lannan reported that the case has been continued, and that the owner of the property cannot dump new material on the property.

Inquiry to be sent to Town Engineer re: fence at Lupien Pond.

Status of legal case discussed re: land fill on Stedman St.

The board then decided to consider the application of Charles Vrouhas d/b/a the Hi-Way Farm Market, at 259 Littleton Road for issuance of a Retail Package Goods Store, All Alcoholic License. Mr. Hart moved to grant the license to Mr. Vrouhas. There was no seconding of this motion Mr. Lannan then announced that the subject to grant could not be acted upon as it failed to win support of a seconding of the motion. Mr. Humphrey then moved to deny the license to Mr. Vrouhas and he cited the following-mentioned reasons:

1. That the applicant has a package store with market facilities next door, with common entrance between, and that it would not be advisable to issue such a license where there is a combination of alcholic beverages and food products to be sold on the same premises.
2. That there were past violations in the operation of this business and that the application had been filled out with a "No" for no violations, and he felt the answer should be "Yes" as there were two violations.

Action taken by board to deny granting of a liquor license.

Selectmen vote to deny issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Store License to Charles Vrouhas.

Mr. Doody then seconded the motion and he, too, offered reasons for his action; such as the fact that the board does disapprove the sale of alcoholic beverages where groceries are sold, and that no plans had been indicated to change this operation, and there had been past violations, and he felt the application as presented was inaccurate, and he had learned that there is a part-time operation by the owner, with sometimes the package store being unattended, and he felt that this was not right. He also cited the fact that there is a shadow of a violation about the zoning, as it might affect an apartment house adjacent to the store. Then Mr. Lannan commented about this application and he indicated that he did not approve the two types of stores being combined in the same building, and felt this type of operation is not advisable. He also mentioned the possibility of a zoning violation and the applicant, be believed, had held up our town zoning by-laws for ridicule. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote. Those voting in favor of a denial of the license were Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody, Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan. Those voting against the denial of the license: Mr. Hart. Thus the license was denied and the board asked that the applicant, his attorney, and the ABC be so notified. Adv. Costs: $34.25. Mr. Markham then commented that he had agreed with the statements of the board made previously about this application.

Selectmen vote to deny issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License to Ted's Market, Inc., Julia C. Chianis, Manager.

Then the board considered the application of Ted's Market, Inc., Julia C. Chianis, Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License at 273 Chelmsford Street. Mr. Hart moved to grant the license. Mr. Markham seconded the motion. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote. Those voting in favor were Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham. Those opposed and voting against the motion were Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan. Thus the motion failed. Mr. Doody at this point stated he had several reasons for voting as he did and he stated he was opposed to the issuance of a license were alcoholic beverages and groceries would be sold in the same store, and the applicant had not indicated that she would change the type of operation, and he felt it was not proper to grant the license for this reason. Also he stated that, in his opinion, the facility is not a credit to the town, and that improvements were needed for both the interior and exterior, and that a driveway, should be paved, with lines for parking, and that there could result further traffic hazards on Chelmsford Street, (Route 110), and there had been no indication to the board that changes would result if the license is granted. Mr. Humphrey then stated he, too, had his reasons for not approving the license, and he said this board did not grant the original license; that it had been originally granted by a prior board; and we must renew the license, but he added, we cannot consider this application as she wants to continue to sell other merchandise, such as milk, bread and chips, and this would be no place for children to frequent when they come to make such purchases. He stated that he had sympathy for Mrs. Chianis but he could not grant such a license as this out of sympathy, and he felt to do so, would not be in the best interest of the town. Mr. Lannan spoke and said his reasons were much the same as the previous speakers, and he felt that a combined store for alcoholic beverages and food items is not suitable, and plans could have been shown for improvements, but they were not presented, and the applicant had indicated she would have the same type of operation as in the past. Then Mr. Doody moved to deny the license. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Markham then proposed that the action by the board be amended, (on first motion of Mr. Hart) to exclude the sale of food items. Mr. Humphrey commented that the board can only act on what is presented. Then Mr. Lannan called for the vote. Those voting in favor of denial of the license to Mrs. Chianis were Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan. Those voting in opposition to denial of the license were Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham. Thus the motion to deny passed. Then Mr. Markham moved to reconsider the matter, and to ask that the applicant withdraw her application without prejudice. No one seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan stated that only the applicant can do this. Thus the motion failed by lack of a seconding. Advertising costs: $30.75.

Reporters ask questions

Then the reporters were allowed to ask various questions and several were asked.

Meeting adjourns.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, May 1st, 1972; 7:15 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:
1. Harold Sullivan of Lowell Radio Station, WCAP, arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:15 P.M.
4. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Kierce departed from the meeting at approximately 11:45 P.M. and all other reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Jurors Drawn.

Two prospective Jurors were drawn in the presence of the Town Clerk, Mrs. Mary E. St. Hilaire. They were:

1.	George M. Kinzlmaier,	9 Sandra Drive,	for Cambridge Superior Court.
2.	Olga Frediani,	37 Manning Road,	for Lowell Superior Court.

Ceremony to launch Fund Drive for Little League Held

At 7:15 P.M. a short ceremony was held to launch the Annual Candy Drive for the Chelmsford Little League. Those present included Mr. Gerald J. Callahan, Sr. and his son, Gerald Callahan, a Little Leaguer, and photographs were taken of the event.

Certification of Character report signed.

A Certification of Character was signed for the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth relating to the Incorporators of Ease, Inc. to be located in Lowell, Mass. as follows:
1. Daniel P. Leahy of 6 Albina Street,
2. Pauline D. Dyer, of 44 Boston Road.

The document was signed after the board received a character and police report from the Police Chief.

Ceremony held for signing first Police Dept. Labor Contract.

At 7:20 P.M. a ceremony was held for the first signing of a Labor Contract with members of the Police Department. Those present included Chief Robert E. Germann, Robert A. DiRamio, of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Dale S. Richards, the Wastington Representative of the IBPO, Peter J. McHugh, Jr., of the Personnel Board, and Officers Eugene W. Walsh, Russell H. Linstad, and Mark Burlamachi. Photographs of the ceremont were taken for the area newspapers.

Notice to be sent to ABC re: license not renewed.

It was decided to forward a confirmation to the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission to state that Raymond LaPointe did not renew his Wines & Malt Beverages, Retail Package Goods Store License for 1972.

Court case to be held re: Vehicle Purchases per information rec'd. from Town Counsel.

A letter was received from the Town Counsel in which he notified the board that litigation was now underway regarding claims allegedly arising from certain purchases of motor vehicles by government entities since April 1970. and he advised the board to forward to him detailed lists from the sundry departments of the town of all such purchases, so that he can file a return to the court in behalf of the town. The board agreed that such information should be obtained and forwarded to the Town Counsel.

Licenses Granted.

Licenses were granted as follows:

For Bowling Alleys and Pool Tables: (All Renewals) Fee: $5.00 each

1. Meadow Grill of Chelmsford, Inc., 100 Tyngsboro Road,
   For two Pool Tables. Total Fee: $10.00
2. Page's Bowling Enterprixes, Inc., d/b/a Sammy White's Alpine Lanes, at 30 Alpine Lane, For 60 Bowling Alleys, and 9 Pool Tables.
   Total Fee: $345.00

Above two licenses were granted on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, and voted unanimously.

3. Charles Dinnigan, d/b/a Dinnigan's Duck Pine Lanes, at 20 Vinal Square,
   For 6 Bowling Alleys. Total Fee: $30.00

Above license was granted on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey and voted unanimously.

Licenses granted.

On motions by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant renewals of Junk Collector's Licenses as follows:

1. Giles L. Whitney, 567 Princeton Blvd., Lowell, Mass. Fee: $5.00.
2. Arthur Coutu, 175 Gorham Street, East Chelmsford, Mass. Fee: $5.00

Pole Location Abandonment petition adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt a petition of the Mass. Electric Co. and NET&TCo. for 1 Joint Pole Location Abandonment on Putnam Avenue, for reconstruction, C#-1187, dated 3/22/72. No hearing was required and the petition was signed by all members.

State DPW rules on subject of crossovers on Routes 3 & 495 for emergencies.

A letter was received from the Office of the Commissioner of Public Works of the state relating to the establishment of emergency crossovers on Routes 3 and 495, to enable town emergency vehicles to return to Chelmsford as quickly as possible. A ruling was given that a crossover for Route 3, would not be approved, but one would be approved for Route 495. It was decided to forward a copy of this notice to the Police Chief as he was the original petitioner.

Director of NMAC informs Selectmen that Federal Funding may be available for Crystal Lake Project.

A letter was received from Joseph P. Hannon, Director, of the Northern Middlese Area Commission , in which he explained that there may be some possible opportunities for funding of the Restoration of the Crystal Lake Dam. He suggested that an inquiry be made by the Selectmen to the Federal Corps of Engineers regarding the possibility of federal funding. Mr. Hart commented that this is an alternate measure for the town to pursue. It was then decided to have the Planner for the Highway Department, Stephen W. Grunewald work on this subject and that he should be instructed to draft a suitable letter of request for the Selectmen to sign.

Conference with Youth Center Co-ordinator and Young People re: Youth March to be held soon.

At 7:30 P.M. a conference was held with Harry A. Foster, Jr., the Youth Center Coordinator, regarding the plans for a Youth March which will be sponsered by the Chelmsford Interfaith Association. Several young people were present who were working on this project and Mr. Foster introduced Miss Vicki Hassett and he asked that she explain their plans. Miss Hassett stated that they were now trying to enlist many young people of the town to participate in the march which will total about twenty-five miles. She said support of town officials and the residents in needed. She displayed a route march for the event and said that the proceeds would be used to help Camp Paul, the Youth Center and the Peruvian Highland Self Development Program. It was explained that the event will be held on Sunday, June 4th, 1972. Mr. Lannan inquired if the group would like the Selectmen to proclaim June 4th as "Youth March Day." Mr. Foster stated they would like the board to do this. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to have the Selectmen go on record as supporting this event, and to proclaim June 4th, 1972 as "March for Development Day" in Chelmsford, and to ask that the towns people offer their cooperation and assistance for this worthwhile project. Mr. Foster, in conclusion, stated that the march will commence at about 8:00 A.M. and there will be a short religious service before the march gets underway. Then the conference ended. Immediately afterward a photograph was taken of the board and the young people who were assisting in the planning.

Selectmen proclaim "Youth March Day."

Conference with members of Community Action Advisory Committee Members re: establishment of position of Code Inspector.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Community Action Advisory Committee to discuss the establishment of a position of Code Inspector for the town. Those present were Mrs. Mary K. McAuliffee and Mrs. Thelma C. Stallard, regular members of this committee and Mr. John P. Cryan, Associate Member. The group inquired if EEA Funding would be possible to obtain for the hiring of a Code Inspector as one is needed now if certain elderly persons and landlords are to receive grants and loans, respectively, for improvements to residential property. It was stated that without the required inspections by a Code Inspector, the funding cannot be approved. The group urged that some action be taken to provide the employment of such an inspector. Mr. Lannan stated that a Job Description would first be needed if EEA funding is to be obtained, and that a "Dot Code" is needed, and he reported that federal hiring guidelines are very stringent. Mr. Hart commented that the idea is a good one and such an inspector would help residents who desire to receive grants and loans, but he felt that more information is needed in order to obtain the overall complete picture of the program planned. Mr. Humphrey also agreed that there is a need for additional information and he suggested that the Lowell City Manager be contacted to see if he would be able to send the Lowell Code Inspector to Chelmsford for a conference sometime in the future. Mr. Doody favored this approach and he also suggested that information be obtained from the local library where occupational data and job descriptions can be obtained. Then Mrs. Stallard outlined some of the duties and work of a code inspector and she stated such an official could be most helpful to residents of the town. Mr. Markham stated that this is a worthy idea and there is a need in some areas for this type of supervision and help. He suggested that local officials now carry the plan forward and obtain the necessary job description. Then Mr. Markham voted that the Selectmen endorse the plan and the Community Action Advisory Committee take steps to set up a Job Description and to plan a future presentation to the board. Mr. Lannan offered to contact City Manager, James Gallagher to see if the Code Inspector could meet with local officials and he offered to contact the local EEA Director, John Clark, to commence the work of obtaining federal funding for this position, and he urged that prompt action must be taken on the subject of federal funding. Then it was decided to plan the conference on this subject for Monday evening, May 8th, 1972, at 7:15 P.M. This suggestion was approved by the board.

Conference continues with members of Community Action Advisory Comm. re: establishment of position of Code Inspecto

A letter was received from the Charter Commission members in which a request was made that the Commission have the opportunity to confer with the Selectmen to discuss the views of the Selectmen and their recommendations regarding the Charter Commission process. Several dates were suggested by the Commission, but it was decided to inquire of the Commission if the date of Monday evening, May 15th, 1972, commencing at 8:00 P.M. would be convenient, and the board, if possible, would hold that regular meeting open exclusively for the conference with the Charter Commission.

Conference planned with Charter Comm. Members re: process of their work.

A letter was received from the state Outdoor Advertising Authority in which information was given that the state law will change to some degree during 1972 relating to outdoor advertising devices, such as billboards, and a request was made that the Selectmen forward detailed data about all outdoor signs, for the Authority to have available. It was decided to request that this information be obtained by the Building Inspector, and that the Planner for the Highway Department assist the Bldg. Insp. in this project. It was also suggested that the Board of Appeals be consulted in this matter as they may have granted variances for such uses in the past, and a report which did not contain this information would be incomplete.

State Outdoor Adv. Authority requests data pertaining to local billboards. Bldg. Insp. & Planner to work on this projec

A letter was received from the Town Accountant in which he informed the Conservation Commission that steps should be taken, if possible, to require applicants for Wetlands Hearings to pay for hearing costs, inasmuch as one recently held by the Conservation Commission did cost the town a considerable sum of money. Mr. Humphrey asked that instructions now go forward to the Town Accountant to ask that he make a survey of all other departments who are required to hold public hearings, and to make recomendations that they, too, make a hearing charge.

Accountant suggests that fee be charged for Wetlands Hearings to cover adm. expenses.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference commenced with Mr. John J. Mahoney, State Regional Welfare Administrator, regarding the possible consolidation of the Chelmsford Welfare Office with another area office, and the closing down of the office at Chelmsford. Mr. Lannan informed Mr. Mahoney that the Selectmen were concerned that the local office may be moved elsewhere and this would impose an inconvenience and hardship on our elderly recepients and mothers of small children who might be receiving assistance. He stated that the space here at the Center Town Hall is adequate and Chelmsford is of sufficient size in population to warrant this centrally-located office and he asked Mr. Mahoney to keep the Welfare Office in Chelmsford. Mr. Mahoney explained the position of his department and he stated that he appreciated the feelings of the Board of Selectmen, and other Selectmen in other towns have felt the same way. He

Conference held with state Regional Welfare Adm.

Conference continues with state Welfare Regional Administrator re: possible closing of local Welfare Office.

said that some three years ago there were forty-two offices in the region and now the state is down to twenty-three, and plans are underway to go down to twenty within the next few months. He explained that the merger is due primarily to a mandate of the legislature, and there is a trend to change over the smaller offices, and the establishment of grouped community offices is the concept being planned. He also stated that the federal government wants a plan for July 1st, 1972, to be fully implemented by Jan. 1, 1973 and these mergers are needed to meet this federal requirement. He said also that it is now impossible to work with the present-type operation, and the trend is to establishment of area offices serving more than one municipality. He also stated that satellite office hours are planned in the various towns, once a week, or some other suitable schedule, and the towns offer small amounts of office space to help local citizens who want to still come to the local offices. He said that the new plan is a better way to utilize the manpower of the department. Mr. Lannan asked specifically what is planned for Chelmsford. Mr. Mahoney reported that no final decision has been made yet, and that the subject is now under consideration, and it will be studied. Mr. Lannan asked if the size of the town in area and population is considered. Mr. Mahoney then explained that present needs indicate that Billerica should be the branch office for the Lowell area. He said a state advisory committee has studied the Chelmsford and Tewksbury operations and it now appears that these two towns should be combined with the Billerica Office. Mr. Hart asked what other local offices had been phased out, and Mr. Mahoney replied that Andover and Tyngsboro had been closed, and the changeover had been fairly smooth.. Mr. Humphrey stated that as he understands the subject, there is nothing definite now for the Chelmsford Office and he asked if a date for such a change had been established or pinpointed. Mr. Mahoney stated that any change will be tied to the availability of space, and will also depend on the austerity of the state budget, and that other mergers had been delayed for such reasons. Mr. Humphrey commented that unemployment has been most high in Chelmsford, and he asked if this was a determining factor. Mr. Mahoney replied that the pooling of resources is the best plan and we then can better respond to the needs. Mr. Humphrey asked who will make this final decision, and if Mr. Mahoney will do so. Mr. Mahoney said he would make a recommendation, to meet the requirements of the state, and the cost element is a factor. Mr. Humphrey asked what does this mean to the receipient and Mr. Mahoney said that some cases are handled in the branch office and the satellite office hours would be available to others. Mr. Doody stated he was concerned about the transportation for the elderly and mothers with small children and he expressed concern with a continuing consolidation of departments and costs and the ultimate loss of local contact, and he asked what are the personnel requirements. Mr. Mahoney then explained the guidelines relating to the number of social workers in relation to the case load. He stated that local offices require a full-time administrator, and he gave details about the types of aid now being given. He emphasized that there would be a better use of manpower in the combined operation, and he said the department does consider the subject of transportation needs when making such a decision.

Selectmen open and adjourn temporarily Liquor License Hearing.

At this point Mr. Lannan interrupted the conference with Mr. Mahoney, to state that the hour of 9:00 P.M. had arrived and the board had scheduled a liquor license hearing for this time, on the application of Matt Doyle, Inc. He then read information aloud from the application and he asked the board for a motion and vote to open the hearing, and then adjourn same to a time later in the evening. Mr. Hart, moved, and Mr. Markham seconded, that the hearing be adjourned until the conference is concluded with Mr. Mahoney. It was then voted unanimously.

Conference continues with state Welfare Regional Administrator re: closing of local office.

The conference with Mr. Mahoney was resumed at this point and Mr. Markham asked if the department offers more services outside the offices than inside, and does the state Division of Employment Security assist. Mr. Mahoney answered "yes" to both questions. Mr. Markham asked about the status of the Westford office and Mr. Mahoney reported that it is still in operation, and he added that more space is presently needed in the Lowell office, before any towns can be added to the Lowell office. Mr. Markham asked if there is a plan to go to Billerica instead of Lowell. Mr. Mahoney said "yes" to this question, and then he offered some details to the long-range plans. Mr. Markham asked about the status of the Lowell CTI office, and Mr. Mahoney replied that this is outside of state jurisdiction. Mr. Markham asked if there is a firm decision now in this matter, and Mr. Mahoney replied not as yet, and various factors are to be considered such as transportation and case work ratios in relation to number of social workers. Then Mr. Lannan suggested that the merger of the Westford office in the Chelmsford office would be a logical move, rather than move the Chelmsford office to Billerica. Then he expressed the belief that the Chelmsford Selectmen here unanimously desire to maintain the office in Chelmsford. At this point all the members agreed with this statement. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Mahoney to take this in mind, and he expressed the hope that you will take all these matters under careful attention when coming to a decision. The conference ended at 9:15 P.M.

Conference continues with Regional Welfare Administrator, re: moving of town Welfare Office.

Then the adjourned hearing resumed at 9:15 P.M. on the application of Matt Doyle, Inc., Charles F. Mannion, Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License at 17 Concord Road, at a building formerly used as a restaurant business, and known as "The Wishbone." A tape recording was made of these proceedings so that a complete record of the testimony would be available for future reference. About seventeen persons were present. Mr. Lannan presided and read the application aloud and he asked if the applicants were present. Mr. Matthew J. Doyle, Jr. was present as well as Atty. Robert P. Sullivan. Then Mr. Lannan outlined the procedure to be followed, and he asked if all the abutters had been notified. Atty. Sullivan presented an affidavit with the registered mail return receipt cards to the Chairman, as evidence that the abutters had been properly notified. Mr. Lannan accepted this information and instructed Atty. Sullivan to proceed with his presentation. Atty. Sullivan identified himself as one of the officers of the corporation and he presented brochures to each member of the board which contained a map, to show the location of the proposed store, and the site was identified. He said the applicants had selected this site as it was in an area where the population growth has been large, and the site is about two miles from the center of town, and two-tenths of a mile from the Chelmsford-Carlisle town line. He stated that a Mr. Augusti Doyle, named in the documents, would be a consultant and he has liquor business experience. He then said that the letter before the board from Mr. John Egan relates to the economics of this particular application. Then photographs were displayed and it was stated that there is adequate parking facilities at the site, and the building is fifty-two feet back from the street, and there would be no traffic problems. The building known as "The Wishbone" was then described, and it was stated the building is thirty feet by twenty feet, and there would be a restroom, an office and storage area and the store itself. Mr. Sullivan stated that the basement would be used for storage and that the manager would be Mr. Charles F. Mannion, and he has business experience, has been a financial consultant and his qualifications were outlined. He said that at present Mr. Mannion is a free-lance consultant, and is the father-in-law of Mr. Matthew Doyle. He said Mr. Mannion is present this evening, as well as the landlord, Mr. Bentas, and Mr. Doyle. Mr. Lannan asked if there were any abutters present and if so would they identify themselves and care to speak. Mr. Constantine Bentas spoke and stated he represented the Bentas Realty Trust and he had no objection to the granting of the license. He said he had lived near the store for twenty years and he would like to see a package store at this location. Mr. Lannan asked if there were others in favor. Mr. O. Eric Gronberg, of 27 Sandra Drive said he favored the license and he would like to see a package store at this location. Mr. Victor L. Poirier of 4 Kristin Drive said he favored the license and it would be a convenience for residents in the area and save them traveling to Central Square where traffic and parking problems exist, and he added that there are no parking problems here. Mr. Richard M. Kelly, of 41 Horseshoe Road, said he favored the license. Mr. Philip J. Swissler, Jr. of 30 Wildes Road, said he favored the store at this location. Then Mr. Lannan asked if there were any persons present who would wish to speak in opposition. No one spoke in opposition. Mr. Lannan then read the contents aloud from a letter received

Public Hearing held re: application of Matt Doyle, Inc., Charles F. Mannion, Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

Public Hearing continues on application of Matt Doyle, Inc., Charles F. Mannion, Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License.

from the Building Inspector in which it was stated that there would be no parking problems or violations of the zoning code concerning parking at this location. Then a discussion followed as to the address used on the application and information was also read from documents relating to the capitalization of the business, and those who would have a beneficial interest. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Mannion to identify himself and Mr. Mannion did so. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Mannion a series of questions about his past work and experience. Mr. Mannion stated he did not have any experience in the operation of a package store, but that he had worked in a large department store in New York. He said, under questionning that he was not directly engaged in the sale of beverages while at the N.Y. store, but they were sold on the premises. It was also stated that he had not been involved in any violations in the operation of this type of store. Mr. Hart asked if there would be any changes in the present building and Mr. Sullivan replied that it would be painted, and advertising facilities would be added, and there would be a cold storage area installed. Mr. Doyle added that refrigeration facilities would be placed in the store itself, and in the basement. Mr. Humphrey asked if Mr. Doyle or Mr. Sullivan had any experience in the operation of this type of store, and if they are somewhat familiar with the requirements of the liquor control act, Chapter 138 of the General Laws. Both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Doyle stated they did not have direct experience in the operation of such a store and Mr. Sullivan added that he did, to a good degree, have knowledge of the state laws pertaining to this subject. Mr. Humphrey asked about the lease of these premises, and what the terms might be. Mr. Sullivan explained that there would be a succession of leases, over a long term period, with five-year options and an option to purchase the property later. Mr. Humphrey asked that Mr. Doyle identify himself insofar as his connection with Town of Chelmsford affairs. Mr. Doyle stated that he was a member of the Sewer Commission and he had gained this office through an elected vote. Mr. Doody asked about the set back of the building, and Mr. Stefanos Bentas stated that actually the set back is sixty-five feet from the street, a greater distance than a figure mentioned earlier during the hearing. Mr. Doody asked about the identification of Mr. Augustine X.Doyle, mentioned earlier in the hearing. Mr. Doyle stated that he was "my cousin." Mr. Markham asked if Mr. Mannion would manage the store and Mr. Doyle answered in the affirmative. Mr. Markham asked Mr. Sullivan if he would be working in the store and Mr. Sullivan replied that he would not. He said they would interview persons for hiring to handle the sales. Mr. Markham asked if there would be other merchandise in the store for sale. Mr. Sullivan said there would be related products such as olives, cherries, etc., in the condiment line. Mr. Markham asked if groceries would be sold. Mr. Sullivan replied they would not. He said they would carry potato chips and peanuts, etc. Mr. Lannan asked if bread and milk would be sold. Mr. Sullivan said they would not. Mr. Lannan asked why the letter had been presented to the board from the Union National Bank relating to the financial aspects. Mr. Sullivan replied that if the license is granted that a loan may be issued, and there might be a pledge of stock, for the loan, and it is mandatory for the Selectmen and the state agency, (ABC) to approve this pledge of stock. Mr. Lannan then invited other persons to speak. There being no further comments to be made, Mr. Lannan then closed the hearing and said the license request would be taken under advisement.

Minutes accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to approve minutes of action of the board on April 18th, 1972, and of the regular meeting of April 19th, 1972.

Acceptance of Minutes Postponed.

It was decided to take no action on the minutes of the meeting of April 24th, 1972 to allow the board members more time to read the material.

Suggestion rec'd. that Committee be named to study subject of adopting colors for town seal.

A letter was received from Mr. Edward G. Quinn, of 47 Brick Kiln Road, in which he suggested that a committee be established to study the subject of adopting suitable colors for the town seal. It was stated that decals now being used on the town vehicles are black and gold, and were purchased at considerable cost, and a supply is on hand for future use. It was decided to ask Mr. Quinn if he would like to submit names and addresses of nominees to be appointed to this committee, and to engage the advice and assistance of the School System, and Nashoba School, and Historical Society at a later date after the committee is established.

A report was received from the Police Department with certain recommendations for installation of traffic safety signs at both ends of Linwood St. at Jensen Avenue and North Road, to warn motorists of children in the area. The original request was received from Edward L. Philbrick, Jr. of 70 Linwood Street. Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve the installation of the signs, as recommended in the Police Report.

Traffic safety signs approved for Linwood St.

A letter was received from Harry A. Foster, Jr., Youth Center Coordinator, in which he called the board's attention to the fact that a special course would be conducted for persons engaged in youth work at an out-of-state school. Mr. Foster indicated that such a course might be advisable and helpful in his work. Mr. Doody stated he would like to confer with Mr. Foster about the matter before the board makes a decision. Mr. Lannan stated that the costs would be from EEA funding. Mr. Doody was given all the papers concerning the matter and he stated he would give the board a recommendation soon.

Discussion held re: attendance at special course by Youth Center Coordinator. Decision to be made later.

A short discussion followed regarding the need for immediate repairs and improvements for Graniteville Road, and that a major project is needed to overcome the present serious condictions. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with the Supt. of Streets, Louis R. Rondeau, promptly to learn of a definite plan when this work will be done. It was suggested that possibly Chapter 90 Funds should be allocated for this important project.

Discussion re: need for repairs to Graniteville Road. Conference to be held with Supt. of Sts.

A report was received from the Supt. of Streets regarding the location of a fence on or near the Lupien Pond easement. Mr. Rondeau's report gave certain information about the location of the fence, and that the wire screening had already been installed over an outlet as a precautionary safety measure. The board appeared to have certain further questions about the location of the fencing, and it was decided that Mr. Lannan would confer with Mr. Rondeau to obtain additional information, and that a conference would be held with the Town Counsel, to determine certain legal aspects, if this seemed advisable. The board approved this plan.

Report rec'd. re: location of fencing at Lupien Pond.

Then a conference was held with Mr. S. Anthony diCiero regarding the various bulletins and information that he and the board had received which indicated that the state legislature might approve the passage of certain bills which would require compulsory arbitration in the handling of labor negotiations, and which would further reduce Home Rule control and could bring additional expenses to the municipalities. Several bills were cited, which Mr. diCiero explained, and he urged that the board take a definite stand against their passage. Mr. Humphrey asked for specific recommendations. Mr. diCiero said he would speak as an individual and he would disagree with most of these bills relating to salaries and labor negotiations. Mr. Humphrey asked him what needs immediate attention. Mr. diCiero cited Bill Numbers S-1288, S-1235, S=1256, and H-5512. Then Mr. Humphrey suggested that a telegram be forwarded immediately to Sen MacKenzie, as a vote is expected almost immediately, to inform him that the board would be unanimously opposed to the passage of these bills, and to ask him what action he will take on these subjects when they come up for consideration. The board members agreed that this should be done.

Conference held with former Labor Relations-Advisor re: need for defeat of certain new state bills, for compulsory arbitration on Labor Contracts.

Then the Selectmen considered the application of Raymond T. Osborn for the increase in storage of gasoline and oil and related products, at a filling station at 8 Littleton Road. Mr. Doody moved to grant the license. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and stated that the company had received a tank which was delivered by mistake, according to testimony received at the hearing, and this may, or may not be so, and he stated that the applicant should have obtained the license before moving ahead with the work, as there are situations where all applications do not mean automatic approval. Mr. Hart stated he would chastise the applicant, and the company, for their carelessness, and that they should be more careful in the future. Mr. Humphrey then said he would not oppose the granting of the license inasmuch as the station had been located there for a long period of time, but if it were a new applica-

Selectmen discuss granting of license to increase storage of gasoline & oils at #8 Littleton Rd.

Selectmen vote to grant license for increase in storage of gasoline, etc. at property of Raymond T. Osborn at 8 Littleton Road.

tion he would not approve same. He said further that the board cannot control the present license, but he indicated, in his opinion, it was a poor location, and we must live with it, and probably the new structure will improve the appearance. Mr. Markham stated that he would agree to the statements of Mr. Hart and he commented that the work at the station has continued. He then asked for Mr. Humphrey's reason to hold the application under advisement a week ago. Mr. Humphrey stated that he had noticed that one tank had been delivered, and he was concerned if one had been placed in the ground. He said he had doubts in his mind and he visited the site and investigated the ground excavations and he was now satisfied. A discussion followed as the work being done and the suitability of the site. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote and a unanimous vote followed. Fee: $5.00; Adv. Costs: $40.75. Total due: $45.75.

Police Station Addition Bldg. Com. Members Appointed.

The Police Chief forwarded names of nominees to be appointed as members of the Police Station Addition Building Committee. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to name the following-listed persons as members of this committee:

1. Robert E. Germann, 2. Barnard L. George, 3. Peter J. McHugh, Jr., 4. John H. Kelly, Jr., 5. Paul V. LaHaise.

Request made that valuation information be obtained re: property at 8 Littleton Rd

Mr. Humphrey then asked the board to consider the obtaining of valuation information about the property of Raymond T. Osborn, at 8 Littleton Road. Mr. Humphrey moved to ask the Assessors to furnish information as to the old assessment for 1971 and the new assessment under the ReValuation for 1972. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Appointments made to Civil Defense Committee.

The board discussed the subject of appointments to the Civil Defense Committee and Mr. Hart asked that a delay be approved as he did want additional time to consider the appointments. The board, on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, voted unanimously to increase the present membership of three members to seven members. This was done after a memorandum was read from the Adm. Assist. stating that no past votes or requirements could be found on record whereby the membership must remain at three members. Then votes followed as listed below:

1. Mr. Lannan stepped down from the chair to move that Robert E. Olson, of 14 Harold Street, the Purchasing Officer for the town under the EEA Program, be appointed as a member of the Civil Defense Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bertram T. Needham. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.
2. Mr. Hart moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to appoint George R. Dixon, of 57 Sherman Street, as a member of the Civil Defense Committee. Then a unanimous vote followed.
3. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Walter R. Hedlund, of 6 Dalton Road, as a Civil Defense Com. Member.
4. Mr. Lannan stepped down from the chair again to move that George R. Brown of 73 Jordan Road, be appointed a member of the Civil Defense Committee. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

(All four appointments to expire: 3/1973.)

Mr. Markham suggested that letters be forwarded to the Police Auxiliary and Firefighters Associates to ask if they would want to submit names of nominees, for future appointment to this committee. The members agreed this should be done.

Appointments made to Home Rule Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Home Rule Advisory Committee (all terms to expire: 3/1973.)

1. Robert L. Stallard, 25 Samuel Road,
2. John J. Griffin, 16 Muriel Road,
3. Charles L. Mitsakos, 13 Housatonic Avenue,
4. Michael J. Devine, 88 Brick Kiln Road.

Chairman Pro-Tem named for Home Rule Advisory Committee.

Mr. Humphrey then moved to name Robert L. Stallard as Chairman of the Committee Pro-Tem, and that he should be requested to call the committee together for their first meeting. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. It was also requested that the Adm. Assist. check prior records to determine if the board can legally increase the membership of this committee to more than five members.

The board took no action at this time on the appointment of a Moth Superintendent nor a Gas Inspector.

No action taken on two appointments.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Charles S. Koulas of 185 Pine Hill Road, as a member of the Ration Board, as the representative from the Civil Defense Committee. (Term to expire: 3/1973.)

Member of Ration Board Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint David T. Kerry, of 7 Dawn Drive, as the Alternate Member to represent the town on the Northern Middlesex Area Commission. (Term to expire: 3/1973.)

Alternate Member to NMAC appointed.

On motions by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint the following-named persons as members of the Town Celebration Committee: (All terms to expire: 3/1973.)

1.	William F. Fitzpatrick,	42 Thomas Drive,	Member at Large,
2.	Richard O. Lahue, Sr.,	22 Worthen Street,	To represent Historical Society
3.	James K. Gifford,	248 Main Street,	To represent July 4th Comm.
4.	Raymond Day,	7 Pine Hill Avenue,	To represent Minutemen,
5.	Donald A. House,	189 Boston Road,	To represent Veterans.

It was decided also that past records should be checked to determine if the present membership of this committee can be enlarged.

Town Celebration Committee Appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Gerald J. Lannan as the Selectmen's Representative on the Northern Middlesex Area Commission. (Term to expire: 3/1973.)

Sel. Rep. to NMAC Appointed.

A short discussion ensued with regard to the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee and Mr. Hart indicated he would give a report about this committee, at a later date.

Report to be made re: Crystal Lake Rest. Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint the present Town Clerk, Mrs. Mary E. St. Hilaire, as a member of the Data Processing Commmittee. Then on a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint the present Town Treasurer & Tax Collector, Philip J. McCormack, as a member of the Data Processing Committee.

Members appointed to Data Processing Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to reduce the size of the membership to the Environmental Advisory Council Steering Committee from seventeen members to nine persons, and to appoint the following-named persons as members: (All terms to expire: 3/1973.)

1. Ethel N. Kamien, 29 Arbutus Avenue,
2. Allan S. Douglas 11 Gallup Drive,
3. Irma L. Douglas, 11 Gallup Drive,
4. Ina B. Greenblatt, 99 High Street,
5. Priscilla B. Hinckley, 50 Acton Road,
6. James K. Rogers, 60 Old Stage Rd.,
7. Clara M. Refson, 90 Boston Road,
8. Richard B. Codling, 4 Santa Fe Rd.,
9. Diane H. Lewis, 12 Overlook Drive,

Environmental Advisory Council Members Appointed.

On motions by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Rev. James R. Low, of 6 Billerica Road, as the regular representative to the Greater Lowell Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Program, Inc., d/b/a Share, and Mrs. Anne E. Stratos, of 20 Kensington Drive, as the alternate representative to the same organization. (Both terms to expire: 3/1973.)

Representatives to "Share" appointed.

Mr. Doody requested that no action be taken at this time on the membership of the Youth Center Study Committee as he stated there may be changes and a reorganization of the committee. The board agreed to this request.

Study to be made re: Youth Study Committee Membership.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Carl Seidel, of 25 Ruthellen Road, as a member of the Committee to Study the Dog Leash Law. Mr. Lannan requested that an inquiry be made to Mrs. Elizabeth S. Bartlett of 11 Kristin Drive, to ask if she would be willing to serve on this study committee, inasmuch as she had been a speaker at the past Annual Town Meeting about this subject.

Appointment made to Com. to Study Dog Leash Law.

Discussion regarding issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License to East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc.

At this point Mr. Lannan asked the board members if they wished to consider the subject of the application of the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License. Mr. Humphrey stated he would speak on the question and he would mention facts pertinent to the issue. He said the board must consider such facts as: 1. the need; and this has been demonstrated by the increase in population which resulted in an increse in the state census, and thus allowing the quota by ABC for this type of license to change from five to seven licenses, and 2. that there is interest in this type of license, as indicated by the number of applications received, and more may yet arrive, and 3. the location where such a store is contemplated, must be considered in relation to other businesses already there, and if 4. this will be a benefit to the community. He stated that the application, in his opinion, meets these requirements and he said he is satisfield. Then he stated he would move to grant the license on the basis of tax revenue to be received; which might total $2,000.00 annually, and that the tax base would be increased, and the store will provide additional employment and there would be no traffic problems. Mr. Doody stated he would second the motion and he commented that the criticism he heard was in relation to parking needs, and he had concluded that there would be no parking problem, and the voters at the past town meeting indicated they did want present shopping centers to be used, and that the town should keep within these existing facilities, and he said the young man who applied for the license should not be denied the license due to his age. Mr. Doody stated he has experience and the location is adequate and the applicant is qualified to run the operation. Mr. Hart then asked questions about the street address and he felt the board should be absolutely certain that the address is correct; otherwise the board would be acting on an illegal location. Mr. Lannan stated that the Assessors can set the street numbers and the ABC or the applicant can determine and confirm the number. Mr. Hart indicated that there was a question about this fact. Mr. Coburn then informed the board that when the application was received, this fact was checked with Mr. House, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, and the 286 Rear number was found to be correct. Mr. Hart then spoke of the parking problem and he cited questions relating to the traffic bottleneck at this general area which are most severe at certain times, and he said the town meeting voters had indicated they do not want further additions at this shopping center. He also said that the Route 110 traffic condictions are very serious, and he said it would be a mistake to vote the license in, and he concluded his statement by saying he was opposed to the granting of the license. Mr. Markham said that he would like to speak on two observations. First he asked if the reply had come from the Building Inspector about possible zoning violations at this shopping center. Mr. Lannan replied that it had been received and it would be read later in the meeting. Mr. Markham said he also was waiting for answers to his questions about the lot line, and if the store can be legally constructed at the location described. He said this question cannot be resolved now, and he indicated that he did not believe a building permit could be issued now, and this must be discussed later. He also stated he believed the parking report is not complete and he cited the fact that the Garden Center Store of the Grant Company did not show on the report and this fact would also remove available parking space. He also cited the fact that there are two exits and entrances and he believed they may not meet present requirements. Then he spoke of the violations as brought out at the past hearing and he said the applicant had one or two violations. Mr. Lannan immediately took issue with this statement and he demanded that the statement be repeated for the record. Mr. Markham repeated the statement, but with the clarification that violations had occurred in a store in which the applicant was affilated, and not when the applicant had actually worked at the particular store. A discussion on this point followed. Mr. Humphrey then called attention to the fact that he had moved to grant the license, not to issue the license, adding that the applicant must comply with all the requirements.* Then Mr. Lannan read from a prepared statement, as follows: "When considering the location for a package store license, I have tried to take into account not only the applicant and the physical location of the store itself, but also the possibility for success of the operation and whether or not the consumer traffic is available to support the operation. Certainly in the location proposed, the consumer traffic is available.

* This wording added: "of the Town of Chelmsford Building and Zoning By-Laws prior to issuing of the license by the Selectmen."

Will other stores in the area be adversely affected? I don't believe so. While it may appear so to those who have a direct interest in stores nearby, it has been indicated by those who are more learned in marketing and available market analysis, that the Chelmsford Street area can bear and will support successfully a modern shopping mall. The proposed mall between Manahan Street and Watt Terrace will more than add to the present shopping area. It will attract business from all the area towns and add substantially to our tax base. I feel that it is to this type of an operation that we must direct our attention to when considering the location for this type of license. As to the proximity of other stores of this type, I believe that the new shopping mall in the location where it is proposed will have a store of this type not in the mall itself perhaps but backed up to it for additional business, so that no one will be adversely affected for this reason I would vote yes, in favor of this application." Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the question. Those voting in favor were Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan. Those voting in opposition were Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham. Mr. Humphrey then explained again that his motion was to grant a license, based on the ability of the applicant to obtain all necessary permits, and complying with all town building and zoning by-laws. Mr. Lannan did also say during the prior proceedings that the granting of the license would please some persons, and displease other persons. Then the board closed this part of the meeting business.

Selectmen vote to issue All Alcoholic Package Store License to East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc.

Mr. Lannan read a very detailed statement received from the Building Inspector with regard to any possible violations in zoning or other town regulations at the East Gate Shopping Center. The report indicated, in the opinion of the Bldg. Inspector, that the court decree had gone beyond the requirements of the town zoning regulations and he felt that this might not be legal, and possibly the fence separating the land area along Evergreen Street and the parking area, should be moved toward the edge of the property along Evergreen Street. After some discussion it was decided that the Town Counsel should now study all the pertinent facts. Mr. Markham moved and Mr. Humphrey seconded, that the subject be now forwarded to the Town Counsel for the study of the letter * and that a final decision should be forwarded to the board. A unanimous vote followed. A discussion followed regarding the past history of the fencing, and that a gate had been installed to accomodate Evergreen Street residents, and that it had been locked, and then later the lock had been broken, so that residents can obtain easy access to the area.

Report received from Bldg. Insp. re: possible zoning violations. Subject to be forwarded to Town Counsel for study and opinion.

Mr. Hart announced that there will be a testimonial for Thomas M. Eck, the Physical Education Coordinator at Chelmsford High School, on Friday May 5th, 1972 and that he planned to attend. Then Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, moved to declare"Tom Eck Day in Chelmsford on May 5th, 1972." A unanimous vote followed and the board directed that a letter of appreciation be prepared so that it could be read by Mr. Hart at the Testimonial.

Selectmen proclaim day in honor of CHS Physical Education Coordinator.

Mr. Humphrey requested that a new and up-to-date mailing list be forwarded to the Mass. League of Cities & Towns to inform them of new officers and committee members who should receive the weekly league bulletins.

Mailing List to be prepared for Mass. League of C.&Towns.

Mr. Doody spoke about reports received from the Recreation Commission relating to vandalism and damage done at the Roberts Field . He stated that the Recreation Commission had asked for assistance from the Highway Department to clean up trash and remove debris . The board approved this suggestion. Then Mr. Hart asked that instructions be forwarded to the Police Chief to have officers under his direction to give careful and periodic inspection to all town properties where damages might occur, and if persons are found to have damaged same, they should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The board unanimously agreed that such instructions should be sent to the Police Chief. Mr. Lannan then reported that significant and costly damage had recently occurred at the Varney Playground and that a meeting had been scheduled on this subject for Wednesday, May 3rd, 1972 by the Varney Commissioners and the Police Chief. Mr. Lannan reported that he would also attend.

Reports rec'd of vandalism damage to town property Police Dept. requested to make periodic inspections and prosecute those responsible.

* In respect to the Building Inspector's opinion on the court violating the zoning by-laws by its decree.

Capital Budgeting Meeting Planned.

Mr. Doody reported that a meeting would be held of the new Capital Budgeting and Planning Committee for Wednesday evening, May 3rd, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Inquiry to be sent to Billerica re: Bus Subsidy.

Mr. Markham asked that a second inquiry be sent to the Selectmen's Office of Billerica to ask that they furnish information to the board about the subsidy for bus transportation now being paid to the Vocell Bus Lines, and if it can be determined what part of the subsidy might relate to Boston Road - Gorham Street, between Billerica Center and Lowell. It was agreed to have this letter sent.

List of High-projects for Summer of 1972 Requested.

Mr. Markham asked that a request be sent to the Supt. of Streets for a detailed report of his major projects planned for the summer of 1972. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with Mr. Rondeau about this.

Comments made re: Police Dept. Labor Contract.

Mr. Lannan spoke about the subject of contract negotiations for a Labor Agreement for the Police Department, which had been signed earlier this evening. He said that this was the first such agreement for this department and all the parties had offered excellent cooperation and there had been no disagreements, and he stated, in his opinion, we have a good contract, and it would be available for reading by those persons interested.

Information received re: gift of loam material to the town.

Mr. Lannan reported that he had received information from Mr. Raymond A. Carye that as much as 25,000 to 30,000 yards of loam would be removed from the site of the new shopping center off Chelmsford Street, and the loam had been donated to the town for use at the new High School property. He stated that the Chairman of the School Building Committee, Mr. James Sullivan, had been already contacted about this matter and the committee's answer to accept same would follow. It was stated that the area around the South Row School could also use loam. Mr. Lannan recommended that the town accept the offer and keep the loam, but it must be trucked to the locations where it will be used. It was stated that the Junior High School Field might need loam also. Mr. Lannan stated that he would keep abreast of this matter to see what can be worked out.

Reporters invited to ask questions

Then Mr. Lannan opened the meeting to reporters for any questions that they might wish to ask. Several questions were asked and the board gave informative answers.

Meeting Adjourns.

Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHColburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, May 8th, 1972: 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Signing of Proclamation for "National Nursing Home Week"

Members of the news media were present as follows:
1. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:00 P.M.
2. Ann Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:30 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:35 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

At 7:10 P.M., a ceremony took place in the signing of a proclamation dedicating May 14th, 1972 thru May 21st, 1972, as "National Nursing Home Week". Representatives from the various nursing homes were as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Falkner, representing the Alpine Nursing Home: Mrs. Bohl and Mrs. Swartz both representing Sunny Acres Nursing Home. Mr. Ray Bixby, representing the Sentinel, was present to photograph the signing of the Proclamation. All members of the board signed the Proclamation. A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, and seconded by Mr. Doody to declare the week of May 14th, thru May 21st, 1972 as "National Nursing Home Week."

Conference with Code Insp. of Lowell,

At 7:15 P.M., a conference was held with members of the Community Action Advisory Committee and the Senior Code Inspector of Lowell, Mr. Charles McCarthy. Mr.

Conference with Code Inspector of Lowell, and Comm. Action Advisory Comm.

Mr. Humphrey expressed his appreciation to Mr. McCarthy for coming to the meeting, and asked that he describe some of the duties of a Code Inspector. Mr. McCarthy then gave some of the duties of the Code Inspector, such as the checking of apartment buildings, to see if they meet the standards for hot and cold running water, heating facilities, and to see if there are any fire hazards. Vacant apartments over three years old, would come under the heading for the Code Inspector. Whenever there are any violations, the Code Inspector would take action with the Health Department, Fire Department, etc. wherever the hazard exists. Their main object is dwelling on older buildings. The advantage of having a Code Inspector in Chelmsford, stated Mr. McCarthy, is that he would not allow any areas to deteriate. A Code Inspector does not have to be allowed in the home, but by forbiding him to do so, the home owner may be jeopardizing his own safety. It is mandatory that the fault be corrected. Mr. Doody raised the question as to the qualifications needed to become a Code Inspector. Mr. McCarthy stated that a person must have tact, and able to deal with the public. Mr. Markham questioned the fact as to the federal funds available, to which Mr. McCarthy replied that there would be no federal funds unless there is a Code Enforcement program, whereas then there would be funds, grants, aid, etc. Mr. Lannan then asked if a town must have urban renewal in order to have a Code Inspector, to which Mr. McCarthy's replied that it does not. He did state that a Town's disadvantage in not having a Code Inspector, is that property is not checked, and therefore hazards exist, and thus property begins to deteriate. Mr. Hart's question was if a Code Inspector may hold another title such as wire inspector, to which Mr. McCarthy's reply was that a Code Inspector should hold just the one position, and that it should be a full time position, in order for him to do the proper job. Mr. Lannan stated that the Code Inspector must be a Vietnam veteran, and employed under the EEA. Also that 1/3 of all EEA funded jobs must be filled by a Vietnam veteran . Another question was raised as to the length of time it would take to instruct a person to become a Code Inspector. Mr. McCarthy said that seminar's are held in Boston, where a person may attend for information on code enforcement, etc. Rev. Foster of the Community Action Advisory Committee asked the question to the effect if leaky roofs, rats, water in cellars, etc. were taken care of by the Code Inspector, to which his answer was that they are covered. The Code Inspector receives his authority thru the Board of Health. Mr. Lannan then stated that he has checked with EEA, and the means is available for the hiring of a Code Inspector for the Town, and the training of such a person. The approximate salary for the Code Inspector would be about $7,000 to $7,500 yearly. Our funds would continue until August, but there is assurance that funds will be available for another year. Mr. Markham then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to change the present job description from the Steno Clerk, and two day care center workers, to One Code Inspector, one Laborer for Highway Dept. and one Key Punch Operator. Mr. Humphrey stated that there are many more questions with regard to the Code Inspector, and he would like a further check into this, and also to receive a letter from the Comm. Action Advisory Comm. stating the reasons why they feel the need for a Code Inspector. Mr. Lannan stated the town would loose funds, if the positions are not filled. Mr. Lannan said that EEA approved the title change, and he then asked the board if they would also approve the description change. Mr. Henry Tucker, Jr. of the Comm. Action Advisory Comm. then made the statement to the board that he will have a letter sent to the Selectmen for their next regular meeting, stating the reasons the Comm. Action Advisory Comm. are in favor of the hiring of a Code Inspector. Mr. Humphrey made the statement that all legal responsibilities be given to Town Counsel for study and advisement. The motion to change the three previous job descriptions to the present three was voted unanimously by the board. Mr. Lannan then thanked Mr. McCarthy for coming and offering this information about the Code Inspector to the board.

A conference was scheduled for 7:45 P.M. with the Insurance Advisory Committee, and members of the Norcross & Leighton and Picken Insurance companies. This

Conference with Insurance Advisory Committee and members from Picken Ins. Co., and Norcross & Leighton. re: Workman's Compensation Insurance Policy.

conference did not commence until 8:15 P.M. Mr. Roger Welch of the Insurance Advisory Committee attended the conference, along with Mr. Howard Leighton of Norcross & Leighton, Mr. Charles Fairburn, and Mr. Paul Tudor of Norcross & Leighton, Mr. Robert Gleason of Lumberman's Mutual, and Mr. Robert Picken, of Picken Insurance Company, regarding the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy There was a great deal of discussion among the Selectmen, the Insurance companies and the Insurance Advisory Committee. Many letters were referred to within the course of the discussion. Mr. Lannan stated that Workmen's Compensation Insurance has been taken by the Board of Selectmen to get the best protection for the Town and for the least amount to be spent. Mr. Picken stated their company had no desire to have more cost to the Town, and from their study and survey of the town, they could give a better rate of service and to save on preminum dollars. Norcross & Leighton stated each year the town has received a discount. Mr. Humphrey made the statement to Norcross & Leighton, that the town is not dissatisfied with their firm, but the Board feels they would like to give the business to a local firm. Mr. Doody questioned the costs of the policy from each company to which Mr. Picken stated $25,568.00, and Mr. Leighton $24,596.00. Mr. Leighton feels that there are sufficient dividends built up in past years to cover cost of first preminum. Mr. Lannan then asked the board if they would take action at this time, but before a motion was made Mr. Leighton said he felt he was treated very unfairly. Mr. Humphrey felt a disservice was done to Norcross & Leighton, and the board should take action to reaward to Norcross and Leighton, and recind action to Picken. Mr. Humphrey made a motion to reaward the contract to Norcross & Leighton, with Mr. Doody seconding the motion. The vote stood at four (4) in favor of reawarding the contract to Norcross & Leighton, and one)1) opposing vote by Mr. Hart. Mr. Hart's reason was that he felt Norcross & Leighton had done a disservice to the Board of Selectmen, and he felt the award should be kept with Picken. Mr. Doody then said the Town should go with the lowest bidder. Mr. Markham then asked Mr. Leighton he past record of dividends paid from Norcross & Leighton. Mr. Leighton's answer was 15% dividend first year. Mr. Markham made a motion that in the future it go out to bid. Mr. Markham also felt the contract should be given to a local agency, and he hoped in the future it be treated on a competitive basis. It was then stated that Mr. Fairburn of Norcross and Leighton is a Chelmsford resident. A move was mde by Mr. Humphrey to award the contract to Norcross & Leighton, seconded by Mr. Doody. The final vote stands at four (4) in favor of reawarding to Norcross and Leighton, and one opposing. Mr. Lannan then thanked the Insurance representatives and the Insurance Advisory Counsel for coming to the meeting.

Public Hearing for Liquor License for Henry J. Finner al and Mary J. Finneral d/b/a The Cente Liquor Mart

A public hearing regarding a liquor license was scheduled for 8:30 P.M. This hearing did not begin until 9:30P.M. The members of the board adjourned to the larger room for this hearing, on the application of Henry J. Finneral and Mary J. Finneral, d/b/a The Center Liquor Mart at 82 Chelmsford Street for the issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store license. A tape recorder was used for this hearing and the testimony recorded in its entirety. The hearing commenced with Mr. Lannan reading aloud the application as it was published in the various newspapers. Mr. Lannan then asked if the applicant was present, and if he would like to speak. At this point, Mr. John Donahue, spoke that he was representing the applicant, and that Mr. & Mrs. Finneral were present. Mr. Lannan then asked Mr. Donahue if all abutters had been notified, to which Mr. Donahue stated they were. Mr. Lannan then asked Mr. Finneral for a plan of the proposed building to be erected, which was produced for the board members to view. Mr. Finneral stated that the area has been zoned for business, and when asked about parking space, he then outlined the parking area on the plan. A question was asked as to how Mr. Finneral planned to conduct his business, to which he answered by himself and his wife. He also stated that he had applied, many years ago for such a license, and was denied with the reason that he had to be in the restaurant business one year before being granted a license. Mrs. Harrington of Chelmsford Wine Shop said she was not opposed, but would like to ask Mr. Finneral if anyone else was contributing to the business, to which his answer was that there will be no other person supporting the business. Mr. Hart then questioned Mr. Finneral as to the overall plan of the store, such as position of doors, location of register in store, sufficient parking of cars. Mr. Finneral then proceded to outline on the plan the position of the doorways, where the register would be located, and the area alloted for parking of cars. A letter was received by the board from the Building Inspector, Mr. Peter J. McHugh, Jr., stating that after he examined the area in regard to the parking, he agreed there was ample room. Mr. Humphrey then asked for some background information from Mr. Finneral, to which he stated in 1950, he was employed in his father's business, which included tending bar, managing, purchasing and selling alcoholic beverages. Mr. Finneral stated that he plans to erect three stores, the value totaling $100,000.00, and that these structures would bring added revenue to the town. Mr. Doody then asked Mr. Finneral if the parking area would be described on the order of Lum's parking area, to which Mr. Finneral answered that it would be on the same idea. There would be between 20 and 40 sections for parking. Mr. Markham stated that the plan that was submitted was the same as was for Lum's to which Mr. Finneral stated that the building and parking would be similar to that of Lum's, but that there would be no connection with Lum's and his liquor establishment. Mrs. Ann McCarthy of 26 Summit Avenue made the statement that she hoped that traffic from the Little League field and Mr. Finneral's store would not cause a bottleneck in this area. The hearing ended at 10:00 P.M. and it was announced that the Selectmen would now take the application under advisement. The meeting then adjourned back to the Selectmen's Office.

Hearing on application for All Alcoholic Liq. License for Henry J. Finneral

Mr. Lannan then made a motion to have the minutes from the meetings of April 24th, 1972, and May 1st, 1972 be accepted. The other members asked that these minutes not be approved at this time, but held for their further study.

Minutes from mtgs. of 4/24/72 & 5/1/72.

A letter from Atty. Daniel J. Coughlin, was read by Mr. Lannan, in regard to the declined application of Ted's Market, Julia Chianis, of 273 Chelmsford Street for an All Alcoholic Package Goods Store License. Mr. Coughlin states in his letter that the applicant be permitted to re-submit her requests for the following reasons: That the applicant carries bread at her place of business, an item which may not be carried at other package stores. If the board so desires, Mrs. Chianis would halt the sale of bread, but that in the original hearing, no such request was voiced. Also, Mrs. Chianis would comply with the request to pave the parking lot, and to remove the meat display case. Also no evidence was submitted at the original hearing on the traffic issue. Thusly, Mr. Coughlin is asking that the application be re-submitted. According to Chapter 478, no application may be re-applied for within one year of the last prior application. Mr. Markham made a motion to have the board reconsider the application of Julia Chianis, with Mr. Hart seconding the motion. Mr. Lannan then asked the members to vote on this motion made by Mr. Markham, which they did with the vote standing at three opposed to re-submitting the application, and two in favor of doing so. Mr. Markham then asked the date of Mr. Coughlin's letter whereas he was told by Mr. Lannan that it was dated May 1st, 1972. Mr. Markham then questioned as to why it was not read at the May 1st meeting. Mr. Lannan explained that mail received in the Selectmen's office after Thursday, 5:00 P.M. is placed in the folder for the following weeks meeting.

Request to re-submit application for Liq. License for Julia Chianis

A letter from the Office of the Assessor regarding the property of Raymond T. Osborn, located at 8 Littleton Road, (Service Station property) was read by Mr. Lannan. In 1971 the land, filling station pumps were totaled at $5,500.00. In 1972, the total was $61,750.00. A new building now being constructed is valued at $77,060.00. A final view of this property will be made before the next assessment date of January 1, 1973.

Reassessment of property of Raymond T. Osborn

Illuminated signs on Sundays advertising liquor

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission that Governor Sargent had signed the repeal of regulation 15B relating to the illumination of exterior signs on Sunday at the request of the A.B.C. commission. No exterior illuminated sign shall advertise alcoholic beverages in hotels and restaurants on Sundays after one o'clock ante meridian. It was suggested that all licensed business establishments be notified of this regulation.

Re-newal of Auctioneer License

A request for a renewal of an Auctioneer's License for William E. Riney, of 23 Hornbeam Hill Road was granted with a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey. It was unanimously voted to grant the renewal license to Mr. Riney. Fee: $2.00.

"No Parking" signs on Grant & Adams Sts.

A letter was received from the Police Department and read by Mr. Lannan, in regard to legalizing the existing "No Parking" signs that are posted on Grant Street and Adams Street. No action was taken on this at this meeting. The letter is being held for further discussion.

Repair to Graniteville Road.

A letter was read by Mr. Lannan from the Supt. of Streets, Mr. Louis Rondeau, stating that he plans to repair and improve road conditions at Graniteville Road, install some drainage on Graniteville Road near Davis Road, and to scrape the section of the road that is in poor condition. This work is planned as soon as the weather permits.

Grounding breaking at Living & Learning Schools

A letter from George A. Naddaff, president of the Living and Learning Schools, was read by Mr. Lannan, in regard to the ground breaking ceremony to be held Thursday, May 11th, 1972. Mr. Hart stated that the Building Inspector said when the permit was granted, it was his opinion there would be about five students. It now appears to be about 30 students, and there may be a zoning violation. The Building Inspector is now going to withdraw his permit and ask Town Counsel's opinion on this matter.

Fence at Lupien Pond area.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter received from Mr. Rondeau, Supt. of Streets, regarding the erection of a fence at the Lupien Pond area. His report stated that he checked the area and found the fence is situated on the easement by that, it is not Town property. Mr. Lannan stated that a fence should not be erected in this area as it does not allow the right-of-way to the pond. It was suggested the matter be submitted to Town Counsel for further discussion.

Golden Cove Road RAilRoad Tracks repaired. Check all tracks by Supt.ofSts.

Then a letter was read by Mr. Lannan from State Rep. Bruce N. Freeman, in which he states that the hazardous conditions that existed at the Golden Cove Road Railroad Crossing has not been completed. Rep. Freeman suggested that the board check into the repairing of the approaches of both sides of the railroad crossing on Golden Cove Road. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Supt. of Streets to have him check the both sides of the railroad crossing at Golden Cove Road. Mr. Hart then requested that a letter be sent to the Highway Dept., asking thet Mr. Rondeau make an inspection of all Penn Central railroad tracks in the Town, to assure them of their safety.

Appointments: Dulchinos & Gutwein to Comm.to Study Liquid Waste Disposal Prob.

A letter was read by Mr. Lannan from Mr. Thomas W. Morris of the Board of Health, regarding the appointment of Peter Dulchinos to serve on the Sewage Advisory Committee. A letter from James J. McKeown, Chairman of the Chelmsford Sewer Commission was also read in which Mr. McKeown stated that it was voted that Mr. Joseph Gutwein serve on the Sewer Commission, and also as a member of the committee to be formed by the Selectmen, namely, Committee to Study Liquid Waste Disposal Problems. Resumes were sent to the Board on the backgrounds of these members. On a motion by Mr. Hart, and seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to accept these appointments.

Appl. held on W.C.Bradley & M.C.Bradley

A letter was read from Mr. James J. McKeown, Chairman of the Chelmsford Sewer Commission regarding the Committee for Study of Liquid Waste Problems, in regard to a letter and resume from William C. Bradley, and Mary C. Bradley of 26 McIntosh Road, in which they state they would be very interested in serving on the

Committee. No appointment was made at this time. Mr. Lannan requested the letters be held for future appointment.

Auxiliary Pol.Officers appointed

A letter from Police Chief Robert E. Germann, was read by Mr. Lannan, requesting that Lance R. Cunningham of 6 Radcliffe Road, North Chelmsford, and Roger H. Geoffroy of 34th Avenue, North Chelmsford, be appointed Auxiliary Police Officers to serve in an emergency without pay from the town. A motion was made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, followed by a unanimous vote by the board to accept these appointments.

Denial of permits for House Trailers on Boston Rd.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from Chief Robert Germann, of the Police Department, in which he states that he has denied any permits being issued for the parking of house trailers on the property of Mr. Raymond Paul , 304 Boston Road, during a VFW convention to be held in Lowell. In his letter, Chief Germann stated that when he was first contacted by Mr. Matthews of VFW Legion he was led to believe there would be only 5 or 6 trailers. He has since been informed that the number has risen to over 25 or more. Chief Germann feels this is too high a number, and that was his reason for denying the permits. The board asked that a letter be sent to Chief Germann asking him to notify Mr. Matthew of this and his reasons for denying the permits.

Questionnaire guideline requested by Charter Comm.

A letter was then read by Mr. Lannan from Mr. Robert Bennett, Chairman of the Charter Commission, requesting that a questionnaire guideline be completed by town officials and employees on their roles in the governmental process. It was suggested by the board to postpone this discussion until the meeting with the Charter Commission on May 15th, 1972.

Re: Rte. 213: ltr. from Edwards & Kelcey

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from Mr. Ralph R. Salvucci, of Edwards & Kelcey, Inc., Engineers and Consultants, with regard to the subject of Environmental Impact Study in conjunction with proposed Route 213 in Chelmsford, Lowell, and Dracut. Mr. Lann asked that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Chelmsford Environmental Advisory Council.

Re-appointment of Wm. Edge & Chas.Koulas to Civil Def. Com.

The reappointment of two members of the Civil Defense Committee, namely, Mr. William W. Edge, 166 Dunstable Road, and Mr. Charles S. Koulas, 185 Pine Hill Road, were made for a period of one year. A motion was made by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Humphrey, and voted unanimously by the board to reappoint William Edge and Charles Koulas.

Appt. to Dog Leash Law Committee

Another appointment was made to the Committee to Study the Present Dog Leash Law. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Bartlett of 11 Kristen Drive, stated she would be willing to serve on this committee. Mr. Hart made a motion to accept this appointment, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, and voted unanimously by the board to accept the appointment.

Remain 5 members on Home Rule Adv. Comm.

It was voted unanimously by the board to have the Home Rule Advisory Committee to remain the same with five members serving on the Committee. No other appointments were made at this time to serve on this Committee.

Resignation of Donald J. Clear from Rec. Comm.

A letter of resignation from Donald J. Cleary of the Recreation Commission was read by Mr. Lannan, and was accepted by the board. The board then asked that a letter be written, from the Selectmen to Mr. Cleary, thanking him for past work he has done while a member of the Commission. Also it was requested that a letter be sent to the Recreation Commission, asking for the name of a replacement for Mr. Cleary.

Chg. of gasoline storage license to Southwell Combing Co.

A letter was read by Mr. Lannan from Mr. Eugene F. Crane, of Southwell Combing Company, of 51 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, requesting a transfer of a license giving permission to store gasoline and oil on land located at 60-66 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford. This license was from George N. Swallow on 3/18/70 to James A. & Jeanne Lowery of 45 Richardson Road, North

Chelmsford. This property was purchased by Southwell Combing Company on 11/12/70. They now request that the transfer be in the name of Southwell Combing Co., in the capacities the same as described in the license. Mr. Humphrey asked that the board hold any action in this matter. Mr. Hart requested to the board that they and the Southwell Combing Company have a meeting, and to hold on any action until then.

Matt Doyle
Liq. License
denied

A discussion then followed regarding the Application for the All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store Liquor License submitted by Matt Doyle, Charles F. Mannion, Manager, at 170G Concord Road. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the application for an all alcoholic license. Mr. Markham seconded the motion. He gave his reasons for this motion as the location of the building was acceptable in the existing shopping area, there were no traffic problems, and no sale of groceries or bead on the premises. Mr. Lannan then asked for a vote on the motion, and the board voted, two members for the approving of the license, and three voted against the approval. (Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Lannan and Mr Doody) Mr. Humphrey stated the reason he voted to deny the application, was he did not feel an elected town official should be issued a liquor license,* Mr. Doody said it was not in the public's interest to have an elected public official hold a liquor license, and that Mr. Mannion shows no previous experience. Mr. Lannan said his reason for his vote also, was not to issue a liquor license to an elected town official. Mr. Lannan then asked that ABC and the applicant be notified of the reasons for the denial of the application. A motion was made then by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, to deny the application for a liquor license to Matt Doyle. The final voted was two in favor of granting the application, and three denying the application. Advertising costs, $26.50.

* and also because of the connotation which could be placed on such a vote.

Contract for
Public Bus.
Trans. signed

The contract for the Public Bus Transportation between the Town of Chelmsford and Marinel Transportation, Inc. was signed by the Selectmen, and by Mr. Roger P. Welch, Treasurer of the Marinel Transportation Company.

Atty.McCarthy
withdraw svces.
re: East Gate
Shopping Center.
Name Atty.
Chas.Zroulas
as counsel

A letter was written to the Selectmen from Town Counsel, Atty. Clement McCarthy, stating that he is withdrawing his services in any matters involving East Gate Shopping Center. Mr. McCarthy feels that the interests of all concerned would be best served by his disqualifying himself. Atty. Charles Zroulas was then named as counsel to the board for this case. Mr. Markham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart to accept the services of Atty. Zroulas as counsel. It was agreed unanimously. It was then asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Zroulas asking him if he would accomodate the board in this matter. The board did not ask Town Counsel about violation at East Gate Plaza. It was the courts opinion that the Board of Appeals did not act beyond their authority. Mr. Markham stated that be review of the Building Inspectors report should be made by Town Counsel. Mr. Humphrey stated that at

East Gate Plaza
Bldg.Insp.report on violations

Town Meeting, the violations were made known, and the Building Inspector said the violations did exist. A variance went to the Board of Appeals and the Court upheld the Board of Appeals. The Court ordered East Gate to hot top, loam and seed, and install a fence, without an opening. All was complied with, except there was an opening in the fence. East Gate was told to lock the opening in the fence, but the lock was broken. The Building Inspector stated that the fence can legally be moved back to Evergreen Street. Town Counsel was asked for clarification for moving the fence back.

Letter about
drainage &
boulders on
16 Jonathan
Lane.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from Supt of Streets, regarding a letter received from Mr. Edmund Benson, of 16 Jonathan Lane, relating to boulders in the area and also drainage. The Supt. of Streets, Mr. Louis Rondeau, states he inspected the area and found there were no boulders in the town layout and they are on private property. The drainage problem also is behind Mr. Bensons home and not on the town street. Mr. Lannan asked that a copy of the Highway Departments 5/4/72 letter be forwarded to Mr. Benson, so he may be informed of the findings of the Supt. of Streets.

Authorize street light

Installation of a street light was authorized for the intersection of Turnpike Road and Warren Avenue as per request of Peter J. McHugh, Jr.

Town Celebration Comm. 5 members

A notice was read by Mr. Lannan that the Town Celebration Committee shall be comprised of five residents of the town. This was noted in the Annual Town Meeting of 1968, Article 75.

Question reporter as to wording in newspaper.

Mr. Humphrey then questioned a member of the press, Mr. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun, regarding an article that was printed and written by Mr. Webster in tonights Lowell Sun. The word and phrasing that Mr. Humphrey questioned was "the Selectmen were in bitter dispute". Mr. Humphrey proceeded to read the sentence from the paper. He then asked the other four members of the board if they ever remember a bitter dispute within the board. Mr. Webster said perhaps his wording could have been put differently. Each member was polled as to whether a bitter dispute ever existed within the board. Each member answered that they did not. ** Mr. Lannan then asked the board members for any new business that should be given the boards attention.

Building at 321 Billerica Rd; cluttered yard.

Mr. Humphrey stated that a building at 321 Billerica Road is considered to be an office building, but the sides and back are cluttered with debris and material other than pertaining to the office. He asked that a letter be sent to the Building Inspector to have his opinion if there is a violation. Mr. Markham and Mr. Hart were in agreement with this.

Tree cutting at Lowell Sportsmens club.

Mr. Humphrey also asked that a letter be sent to the Supt.of Streets, Mr. Louis Rondeau the cutting down of trees at the Lowell Sportsmens Club. He asks that Mr. Rondeau make a check to see if the town is cutting down the trees.

Youth Center sponser

Mr. Doody then stated that the Youth Center will have a YMCA sponser attend a seminar for youth outreach, in Chicago, Illinois, either the first week of June of first week of July. The sponser will be Mr. Harry A. Foster, Youth Center Co-ordinator.

Lighting at Tennis Court at High School

Mr. Doody requested a letter be sent to the School Committee in regard to the lighting at the tennis court at the Chelmsford High School. The request was it possible to have the lights extended longer at night, and also the possibility of installing extra lighting at the courts.

Mr. Markham did raise the question of the correspondence in the folders, and that he was dissatisfied with the way it was handled.

Meeting Adjourned

On a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 P.M.

**Selectman Thomas Markham stated that he was not bitter but that he felt it was a matter of interpretation and of the degree of bitterness. (See below for further information.)

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. Biggar, Sec'y. Pro-Tem.
(Mr. A.H.Coburn was sick
at this time)

Jurors Drawn.

On Thursday, May 11th, 1972, the following-named Jurors were drawn by Mr. Lannan, for duty at Superior Court, Criminal, at East Cambridge:

1. Joseph L. Ducharme, 182 Westford Street,
2. Charles W. Miller, 6 Dominic Drive,

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

(Continued from above) He also stated that he felt there were several inconstistencies in the matter. This debate is in reference to the granting of an all alcoholic liquor license to Eastgate Liquor Mart, Inc., at a prior meeting.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, May 15th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Press reporters were present as follows:

1. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:20 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:30 P.M.
4. Harold Sullivan of Radio Station WCAP of Lowell arrived at 8:42 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

June 1972 Meeting Schedule Adopted.

The June 1972 Summer Meeting Schedule was adopted. It was decided to hold regular meetings on Mondays, June 12th, 1972 and June 26th, 1972.

Minutes of two previous meetings accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24th, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1st, 1972.

Traffic Rules & Regulations Amended.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to amend the Traffic Rules and Regulations of the Town of Chelmsford as follows:

By adding at the end of Article VI, Section 261, (The operator of a motor vehicle shall not park such vehicle at the following designated areas:)

(37.)No parking be allowed on the easterly side of Grant St; from a point at the intersection of Grant St. & Washington St.,to a point at the intersection of Grant St. & Adams St. - a total distance of 795 ft. (38.) No parking be allowed on the northerly side of Adams St., from a point at the intersection of Adams St. & Grant St., to a point at the intersection of Adams St. and Sherman Street - a total distance of 250 feet.

Hearing authorized for electrical conduit.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing for petition of Mass. Elec. Co. for installation of conduit on Butt Hinge Road at Newtowne Way.

Letter rec'd and conference planned to discuss why certain property owner not notified as an abutter re: Liq. Lic. Applic.

A letter was read aloud by Mr. Lannan which had been received from Mr. Richard O. Lahue, Jr., of 19 Evergreen Street, and which called the board's attention to the fact that he had not been officially notified of the application and hearing for issuance of a license for East Gate Liquor Mart to sell all alcoholic beverages, as a Retail Package Goods Store. Mr. Lannan explained that after receipt of this letter he had conferred with employees in the Assessors Office and it had been decided that Mr. Lahue is not an abutter to the particular lot and premises in question, and that was the reason he had not been notified. Mr. Lahue indicated in his letter that he felt he should have been notified, and he wished to object to the granting of such a license. Mr. Lannan also read from excerpts of the General Laws pertaining to the procedures to be followed in such cases. Mr. Lannan asked if the board would desire to invite Mr. Lahue to attend the next meeting and discuss the subject. Mr. Humphrey moved that Mr. Lahue be invited to meet with the board at the May 22nd, 1972 meeting. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Assessors suggest Town Counsel offer legal ruling on procedures for notification of abutters.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from the Assessors relating to procedures to follow for officially notifying abutters in the case of new licenses and a final suggestion made in the letter was to ask the Town Counsel to submit legal advice. Mr. Markham suggested and then moved that the subject be forwarded to the Town Counsel for a legal opinion, and that such information be made available to the board for the May 22nd, 1972 meeting. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Member of Crystal Lake Rest. Com. resigns.

A letter was received from Mr. William W. Edge in which he tendered his resignation as a member of the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee to represent the Finance Committee. The Selectmen accepted the resignation with regret and asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Edge, and that an inquiry be sent to the Chairman of the Finance Committee to ask that the name of a new nominee be submitted to the Selectmen so that this vacancy may be filled.

An application was received from Donald F. Barry and John J. McEnaney, for the issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License, for premises at 65-67 Middlesex Street. Information was given to the board that the application description of the premises appeared to not be complete and that it would be advisable to return the application for clarification and additional information. The board unanimously agreed that this should be done.

Application received for liq. lic.

Notice was received from the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company that the monthly rates would decrease for the period commencing July 1st, 1972 thru June 30th, 1972. The new rates, as quoted, are listed as follows:

For regular life insurance coverage: $0.59 per month per $1,000. coverage.
For Accidental Death & Disemberment: 0.05 per month per $1,000. coverage.

Notice of these changes to now be forwarded to the Treasurer, Accountant, School Department and Emergency Employment Act Administration Office.

New rates received for Group Life Ins.

A letter was received from the state Dept. of Public Works stating that the state agency had now taken steps to clean up, and improve the appearance of the state field office and station, located off North Road, but that certain items could not be placed elsewhere due to lack of space. An offer was made to give the town certain "H" Beam Posts for guard rail repair work, and the board directed that the Street Supt. be so informed and that he be instructed to visit the field station to see what is available and to determine if the supplies would be needed by his department. Mr. Hart commented that it appeared to him that more clean-up work is needed and he expressed the hope that conditions would improve in the future.

State DPW informs Selectmen of clean-up work at North Rd. field station.

A letter was received from the Community Action Advisory Committee with details as to the duties and objectives of a Code Inspector, if one is eventually hired. A short discussion ensued, and the board expressed the belief that the establishment of such a position might be most helpful to some town residents and landlords. It was also decided, that before a final decision is made to establish the position, that the Town Counsel furnish the board with a legal opinion, and advice, to determine if the Selectmen can legally establish such a position without town meeting action. It was decided to also ask that this opinion be made available to the board for their meeting of May 22nd, 1972. All members agreed to this course of action.

Information received re: duties and objectives for a Code Inspector.

A report was received from the Bldg.Inspector that certain work of loam removal, etc. at two locations in West Chelmsford area were legal, inasmuch as they were located where sub-division projects had been approved. Mr. Doody stated that he would now confer with the Bldg. Insp. about this report as other questions have come to his mind.

Report rec'd from Bldg. Insp. re: Loam Removal.

Then Mr. Humphrey suggested to the board that the Selectmen forward a written inquiry to the Office of the Attorney General, of the Commonwealth, to ask if the town can implement its new by-laws, as voted at a town meeting, without approval of the Attorney General. Mr. Humphrey called attention to the need to implement the provisions of these by-laws, so that the town will be protected as quickly as possible from certain actions that, in some cases, could be damaging to the town and its residents. He cited the case of the Landfill Control By-Law passed at the 1972 Annual Town Meeting, and which should be implemented now. He asked if the town can proceed to enforce the by-law, under the Home Rule Act, so that enforcement can commence without delay. All members of the board concurred with the suggestion and such inquiry will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

Selectmen to inquire re: Implementation of By-Laws before approval by Attn. Gen.

A letter was received from the Building Inspector in which he stated that a permit had been granted for the erection of a building to house a "Living and Learning Center, at Boston Road and Warren Avenue. The letter did contain information that the Town Counsel had been requested to rule on certain legal questions involving the use of the center as it applies to the Zoning By-Laws of the town. Mr. Hart then offered to give a report of a conference held on May 12th, 1972 at the Selectmen's Office, at which time the Bldg.

Report received from Bldg. Insp. re: Permit Issued for Learning Center.

Discussion held re: Building Permit and Use of premises for Learning Center.

Inspector, the Town Counsel, representatives from the Living & Learning Center, and various residents of the immediate area, and Atty. Kaddison who represented the owners of the Center. Mr. Hart stated he was present as well as Mr. Markham. After much discussion, Mr. Hart, reported that the Town Counsel felt it was advisable for him to confer with the representatives and their attorney for the Living Center, to accurately determine, all the details, and the proposed use of the building. He stated that the abutters who were present expressed various opinions. Mr. Hart stated that this was a conference held to assist the Town Counsel and was not a Special Meeting of the board, and that presently the Town Counsel has the subject under advisement. Mr. Markham concurred with the oral report given to the board by Mr. Hart. Mr. Humphrey commented that it did appear that the granting of the building permit had been legal, but the use of the building in the future might be somewhat restricted from the intended use as described by the company officials, and this fact must be determined. Also he added that by obtaining this advice now, it would be of future help and assistance to the Building Inspector.

Report rec'd. from St. Supt. re: possible damage to property of Sportsmens' Club

A report was received from the Supt. of Streets, Mr. Louis R. Rondeau, to inform the board that the town had not inflicted any damage upon the property of the Lowell Sportsmens' Club adjacent to the Swain Road Dump. An inquiry had been received earlier that the town might have damaged the property while certain machinery was in use at the dump site. Mr. Rondeau stated that a private contractor had been working in the area, but the town did not inflict damage. The board requested that Mr. Rondeau now inform Mr. Lowery, an officer of the club, of these facts.

Application received for License to Operate Game of Beano.

An application was received from the fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus, for the issuance of a License to Conduct a Game Commonly Called Beano at their premises at 21 Quigley Avenue, for period from 6/1/22 to 5/31/73. It was noted that the word "Blitz" had been used on the license form instead of the word "Beano" and it was decided to ask the applicants to revise the wording before action by the board.

Application received for Issuance of a Liquor License.

An application was received from James L. Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, for the issuance of a license for sale of all alcoholic beverages as a retail package goods store at 5 Summer Street. The board was informed that the application was incomplete as one question had not been answered, and that other subjects did need clarification. It was agreed by all the members that the application should now be returned for additional information.

Hours of Sale for sale of Alcoholic Beverages adopted for Holiday.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the regulations of the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for hours of sale of such beverages on the holiday, Memorial Day, to be observed on Monday, May 29th, 1972.

School Bldg. Committee recommends that new High School be serviced by two Water Districts.

Inquiry to be forwarded to North Water Dist.

A letter was received from James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee, in which he recommended, in behalf of the committee, that steps be taken by the Selectmen to have the North Chelmsford Water District grant permission to the Chelmsford Water District to extend their water mains and lines to the area where the new High School will be erected, inasmuch as this area is within the limits of the North Chelmsford Water District. Mr. Sullivan stated that because the town's investment at the new high school property would be so large, it would appear to be most advisable to have two sources of water supply to meet all future contingencies and emergencies. Mr. Doody asked that the letter of request to the North Chelmsford Water District be prepared to include an inquiry to have the lines from the North Water District serve the new Junior High School, so that this large town investment, can be better protected in the future. It was also decided that if permission could not be granted relating to this matter, the board would then call for a joint meeting of all the parties to determine what can be done. All members approved of this plan.

Appointments made to Ind. Dev. Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint John J. Walsh, of 73 Bartlett St. and Richard F. Scott, of 126 Dalton Road as members of the Industrial Development Commission; (both terms to expire: 3/1975.)

The board received the monthly report of the Dog Officer for April 1972 and it was noted that there were no listings or mention of any cases that the Dog Officer had taken into court for Dog Leash Law violations, even after explicit instructions had been given to him early in April. The board inquired as to why no dog owners had been fined as it appeared that dogs had been picked up. It was decided to request that Mr. Wojtas meet with the board on Tuesday evening, May 30th, 1972 to discuss the subject in detail and to learn the reasons for this lack of court action. All members agreed that such a conference should be held.

Dog Officer's Monthly report received. and he to be requested to meet with the board.

Mr. Lannan then spoke of the number of complaints that the board and Police Dept. had received about the Trap Shooting Practice Sessions conducted by members of the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club at their club house property off Mill Road, over the past weekend. Mr. Lannan read the contents aloud of several police reports received on this subject. Mr. Lannan stated that the board had not received any special requests from club members for permission to engage in this activity, and in the cases of other clubs, such as the Lowell Sportsmens' Club, special written requests had been received for permission to hold tournaments on special dates during special hours. Mr. Lannan further stated that the board had offered their permission in the past under special permits, with the understanding that if complaints were received, the permission might not continue. Mr. Lannan indicated that recent complaints from residents near the Mill Road club property were related to the dangers and hazards, and that in certain cases the homeowners had reported the shots came onto private residential property. Mr. Doody suggested that a letter be sent to the club to cease this type of activity, and that a letter of application be forwarded to the board if they wished to continue, and the board would consider the matter and hold conferences with the neighboring abutters. Mr. Hart concurred with the suggestion that the club members be notified to stop such activity. Mr. Humphrey commented that originally when the club commenced its activities, residential property was not nearby but now conditions have changed. He suggested that the Police Dept. now make a detailed survey and investigation, and then submit their written recommendations, based on these new conditions and dangers, and that all such firings should stop for the time being, until the board determines the actual dangers. Two or three persons were present during this discussion and they assured the board that dangers did exist to persons and property during such activities, and they were fearful of what could happen under certain circumstances. Mr. Markham asked that a Police Department representative meet with the board on May 22nd, 1972 when the police report is received and that the report should also contain information about other clubs and their activites, and the procedures they follow for obtaining permission for such activities. All members agreed that these steps should be taken and that the notice to the officers of the Gun Club should be hand carried and delivered by a Police Officer.

Discussion held re: complaints received concerning Trap Shooting at South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club property. Selectmen issue order to cease this activity. Additional information requested from Police Department.

A letter was received from Mrs. Ruth K. Delaney of 14 Evergreen Street, in which she asked that she be permitted to have a copy of a tape recording of the hearing concerning the application of East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc. for a liquor license. Mr. Humphrey commented that sometime ago the Selectmen asked for copies of minutes of meetings of the Housing Authority and Mrs. Delaney had replied to the board that they would not be forwarded to the Selectmen, but that the board would be welcome to attend the Housing Authority meetings, at which time they would be made available to the Selectmen. Mr. Humphrey stated that her request was similar to the board's request, but the Selectmen were not granted the permission to receive the material in writing. Mr. Humphrey stated he would now move to grant permission to Mrs. Delaney to visit the board during regular sessions for such material, and he offered to go one step further, to invite Mrs. Delaney to the downstairs business office, during regular office hours, at which time she could read the material, and the records would be made available to her. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Mr. Markham then moved to grant permission to Mrs. Delaney to allow her to transcribe the tape in

Resident requests data of records of Selectmen concerning liquor license hearing and subsequent hearing.

Resident permitted to view records of Selectmen in the business office.

the Selectmen's Office. There was no seconding of this motion and it died. Mr. Humphrey commented that there could result some possible damage to the tape if persons were allowed to use it for such purposes, and this would be serious for the board in the future. It was stated during this discussion that the minutes, as prepared, were a synopsis of the hearing events, with some testimony, and the tape recording is kept for future contingencies. It was also stated that the minutes as presented to the board for their inspection had been approved and accepted by unanimous vote, at an earlier meeting.

Requisition signed for list of qualified candidates for appmt. as Patrolmen.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted to authorize the Chairman, Mr. Lannan, to request the state Division of Civil Service to forward a list of qualified candidates for appointment of three Permanent Patrolmen of the Police Department at $8,662.00 per year.

Letter rec'd. re: complaint against Trap Shooting Practice.

A letter was received from Mrs. Judith H. Ebner of 24 Ruthellen Road, relating to the problem of trap shooting practice at property of the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club off Mill Road. Various questions were asked in the letter. It was decided to forward a copy of the letter to the Police Chief and to inform Mrs. Ebner of the steps taken to date to protect the area and its residents, and to invite her to attend the next meeting of the board when the police report would be received and read.

Conference held and discussion follows with members of new Charter Commission to learn comments of Selectmen relating to town government procedures and organizatiob.

At about 9:15 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Charter Commission and those present included Robert W. Bennett, Chairman, Gerald C. Shea, John J. Balco, Mart C. Matthews, Robert S. Forsley, and D. Richard Lynch. Later during the discussion three other members jointed the group and they were Marion Dempsey, Thomas M. Dougherty and John E. McCormack. Mr. Lannan presided and welcomed the Charter Commission members to the meeting. Then Mr. Lannan spoke at length about his position concerning the adoption of a Charter, and he commented about the reports he had read in the news media which had indicated certain conclusions had been reached even after the study had only been in progress for about two months. He said he would not advise the members what to do; that this was the responsibility of the Charter Commission members themselves. He said the responsibilities of the Selectmen are all outlined in the General Laws and the Charter Commission members should acquaint themselves with all this information. He said, as far as he could recall, only one Commission member had ever visited a Selectmen's meeting on a regular basis. He then referred to press reports and he displayed one in particular which stated that the Charter Commission had already made certain recommendations. Mr. Lannan asked how this could possibly be done so quickly, and even before the Board of Selectmen had been questioned about their work, their duties and the legal requirements which must be met. Mr. Bennett stated that the news reports, as printed, had not been entirely accurate and he felt the board should refer to the most recent status report which he understood had been sent to the board. No one could recall receiving such a report and Mr. Coburn indicated he did not believe such a document was on file in the office. Mr. Lannan commented again that the Charter Commission should refer to the General Laws to learn the duties and responsibilities of the Selectmen. Then Mr. Humphrey stated that he did not wish to dictate to the Commission, but he did want to make recommendations. Mr. Bennett indicated he would welcome such recommendations, as the Commission did want insights into the work of the Selectmen, and if there is need for the Selectmen to have additional authority. Mr. Hart commented that it might be best if some of the elected positions were to be changed to an appointed position, and then the board could find the applicants with the most experience in this particular field, and with this knowledge and background, the function and success of the office, for the benefit of the taxpayer, would improve. He said further that the electorate could then not support the Selectmen in the future if the appointments were not good ones for the benefit of the town. Mr. Humphrey concurred with these statements of Mr. Hart, and added that the Selectmen are responsible to the electorate, and many times we cannot help the petitioner as we must now refer the problem to a particular elected board, such as the Planning Board, the Board of Health and the Board of Assessors, and there are others that perhaps should be appointed, including these just mentioned, and this would not be for political reasons, but to gain greater efficiency. He continued by saying that at present we have a popularity contest, and if these positions were appointed by the Selectmen they we could choose the most qualified person. Mr. Bennett then asked specifically about the Planning Board. Mr. Humphrey stated that in such a case as this, the board could select a professional Planner. Mr. Doody then spoke and stated that as he sees the present problems, there would be three objectives to meet. The first would be for improvement in management and decision making; the second would be to increase the efficiency, and third to eliminate the routine matters which now come before the board. He then cited examples of the amount of work involved and the number of hours the board meets. In the first instance, there would be between thirty and fifty subjects taken up at a normal meeting; with the average being about forty subjects, and the meetings extend for a period of three to five hours, with the average being about four hours, and he emphasized that there are presently some thirty-seven boards that now report to the Selectmen. He stated he would like to see the board have more time for long-range planning and the projections. Mr. Bennett then summarized some of the past statements, saying that the three key areas might be: (1) Management of the town, (2) the organization, and (3) the Town Meeting. Mr. Humphrey then commented that it is quite true that we now have thirty-seven boards and committees and they do involve many people, and there has been a sincere desire by these people to help the town in various capacities. Mr. Doody added that some of these committees are tradional, and some are for current needs, and now perhaps there is a need for an examination of the committee objectives to determine if they are all needed. Mr. Bennett asked about present administration problems. Mr. Hart stated that we presently have an Administrative Assistant, Mr. Coburn, and at present, due to the work load, he needs help, and it would now be advisable for him to have a full-time assistance. At present, it was stated, Mr. Coburn has secretarial assistance on a part-time basis, for an average of four hours per day. Mr. Doody stated there is a definite need for the better use of the Adm. Assist. so that he can away from the route office work and give thought to other more significant projects for the benefit of the town in general. Mr. Humphrey then spoke in detail about the present Adm. Assist., Mr. Coburn, describing to some extent the work load, the office procedures, and that an office daily log is kept which clearly shows the amount of work and duties involved, and the many subjects that come before the board and this department. Mr. Humphrey continued by saying that Mr. Coburn is doing the work of an Executive Secretary, and that he should be elevated to this status, and given proper secretarial assistance. He also said that Mr. Coburn has been, and continues to be a most valuable asset this town and this board has. Then Mr. Bennett asked the board for their thoughts and comments about the present Town Meeting form of government. Mr. Humphrey stated he would hate to see any changes, and he suggested that a study be made of a plan for the holding of two Annual Town Meetings; one for the appropriation of funds and the second for consideration of other incidental subjects and all matters concerning zoning, and the board could also plan to hold Special Town Meetings if needed. Mr. Hart stated that he would hate to lose the present open town meeting plan. Mr. Humphrey then stated that the Charter Commission should perhaps approach the subject of governmental changes in a different and unique manner, and that an attractive package is needed for town meeting acceptance. Mr. D. Richard Lynch asked if would be advisable to have a change in the annual town election date. Mr. Humphrey stated that the change to a Saturday appeared not to work, but the change back to a Monday was the recommendation of the previous town clerk. Mr. Hart stated that a Saturday would be easier for the townspeople. Mr. Doody suggested that a town meeting forum be held, and he informed those present that the work of preparation of warrant articles, and the gathering of all background information was most important for the presentations to the voters, and this involved much work for the Selectmen. He added that a Saturday town meeting might be advisable. Mr. Hart stated that another town nearby held their Annual Town Meeting on four consecutive week-day nights, until all town business was completed. Mr. Thomas M. Dougherty asked if the Articles for the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting could be released earlier for study by the town boards and committees and taxpayers. Mr. Humphrey explained that it has been most difficult to obtain all the articles at the proper time which

Conference with members of the new Charter Commission to discuss town government procedures

Conference with members of the new Charter Commission to discuss procedures relating to town government.

is the first Monday in January and is established by town by-law, and if the article is not accepted, certain groups and persons are hurt. He stated that this is quite a problem for the board. Mr. Balco asked about the consolidation of certain departments, such as the establishment of a Dept. of Public Works. Mr. Humphrey stated that the Selectmen have already commenced inquiring about such a move and the Town Counsel had been asked to study the matter in the past, and that it might be advisable to have a full-time Town Engineer. Mr. Gerald C. Shea asked what would develop with a strong town administrator. Mr. Hart stated that the present Adm. Assist. does not have the authority, under the law, to act on various subjects, and he must confer with the board members, relative to a final decision. Mr. Hart stated that the present Adm. Assist., Mr. Coburn, is both experienced and qualified to handle many duties now being approved by the Selectmen. Mr. Humphrey then stated that there is presently a Capital Budgeting and Planning Committee working. Mr. Doody explained the objectives of this group which had recently been established. A discussion then followed as to the need for a new Town Hall, and Mr. Humphrey cited the crowded and congested conditions which exist in the present building. Mr. Humphrey said that there is need for more opinions from the members of the Finance Committee and that the Selectmen had innauguerated the plan for holding group quarterly meetings for town departments and committees but the interest in such meetings was not there. He added there is need for closer cooperation and we do try to take initiative in many areas, and he reminded those present that the Selectmen under the provisions of the General Laws do have the authority to investigate any department of the town. He then cited positions such as that of Chairman of the Board of Assessors, where the voters do not determine who of the three members will hold the full-time position. He also stated that the Director of the Health Dept. reports to only the Board of Health, and they are a part-time elected board. The discussion then related to the need for obtaining persons of proper qualification for certain elected positions. It was emphasized that job needs should be the criteria for the hiring. Mr. Markham then spoke of the need for efficient government, and he indicated he felt there was a need for a full-time Administrator for the Selectmen, but the Selectmen should have overall authority. Mr. Dougherty asked if the Selectmen would suggest having a Town Manager or an Administrator. Mr. Hart stated he was opposed to the Town Manager plan, but would favor the Selectmen-Executive Secretary plan. Mr. Humphrey stated that a gradual change is advisable, and he said he did not approve of town manager plan. Mr. Doody asked that detailed data on all types of governmental changes should be prepared and studied, such as the Town Manager, the Executive Secretary, or the Adm. Assist. plan. Mr. Markham stated he favored the present town meeting plan , and he suggested that any changes should not be too drastic. He said also he was opposed to the Town Manager plan, and he suggested that the license duties be removed as duties of the board. Mr. Humphrey reminded those present that the license duties are statutory duties, and changes in this respect cannot be made without an act of the legislature. Mr. Doody commented that he wished the Town Meeting to decide where the license work should be placed. Then Mr. Lannan said, in conclusion, that he was against substantial changes in the form of government. He said many persons, like himself, chose this town in which to reside for various reasons, some of which might be the type of government we now have. He asked that careful attention by the Charter Commission be given to proposed changes, so that they would be for the better. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a future conference be held with the Charter Commission if this appears necessary. Then the conference ended at about 11:15 P.M.

Meeting scheduled with certain officials re: new Waste Collection Schedule.

Mr. Lannan reported that detailed records and reports had been presented to him about the proposed revised schedules for Waste Collection and the board was welcome to examine the material. It was decided that it might be advisable to hold a conference on this subject and all the members agreed to schedule such a meeting with the Planner and Draftsman for the Highway Dept., Messrs. Grunewald and Fuller, and the Supt. of Streets, Mr. Rondeau. It was further decided to ask that Mr. Rondeau furnish the board with a written report of this matter with his recommendations.

Notice given re: Fund Drive.

Mr. Hart made mention of the Fund Drive now underway for Mr. Charles A. House, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, who is presently recuperating from surgery, and that the gift would be for purpose of allowing Mr. & Mrs. House to enjoy an extended trip.

Mr. Lannan then asked if the board members would want to consider the subject of application of Henry J. and Mary E. Finneral, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License at 82 Chelmsford Street. Mr. Hart moved to deny the license and he gave several reasons for this motion. He stated that he could see no need for such a license in this area; that similar package stores are located in the Center and the Westlands and that a new one had previously been granted for the DeMoulas Shopping Center; and all of these stores are within a radius of one and one-quarter mile. He said a fourth license of this type should not be granted for this area, and he said there are large other sections of the town where no such store is available, and there are places where there is greater need. He said his decision was made with no question of the type of store design nor of the applicant, Mr. Finneral. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and he stated that the facility as described, with the plan, was within very close and immediate proximity to a playground area, and the premises for this store are across the street from a Little League Field, which is active during the baseball season. Mr. Lannan called for a vote and one by one each member voted in favor of Mr. Hart's motion and finally it passed by unanimous consent. Mr. Lannan stated that when the Klav Corp., d/b/a Lum's license was granted there was a question at that time about the proximity of the premises to a playground, and now with the state law being changed to allow eighteen-year old persons the right to purchase alcoholic beverages after April of 1973, it would appear that this license should not be granted, as the store would be very near where young people would be gathered. Mr. Markham commented that the applicant, he was certain, would operate an excellent facility, but he felt that the entrances and exits, as planned at time of the Lum Application presentation, had not been completed as indicated, and it would be advisable to have this work finished before any further licenses are granted. He called attention to a recent motor vehicle accident in this immediate area, and the presence of another store would add to the present traffic problems. Mr. Humphrey spoke in conclusion and stated that the proximity to the present Little League Athletic Field is too close to the premises in question and this precludes me from favoring the license. Adv. Costs: $34.25

Selectmen vote to deny issuance of a liquor license to Henry J. and Mary E. Finneral at 82 Chelmsford St.

Mr. Hart called attention to the fact that political signs are now appearing in various parts of the town, for candidates who reside out-of-town, and that the presence of these signs in residential areas are a zoning violation and he asked that the press give notice of this fact to inform those persons who do have such signs on their property to remove same as they are illegal in Chelmsford. Mr. Lannan stated that the signs should be dismantled by an officer of the town and stored. Mr. Humphrey asked that the board issue an order to the Building Inspector to survey the town and take these steps to remove such signs, and that the Police Department should assist in this work as they have done so in the past. The board agreed to this suggestion.

Selectmen request Bldg. Insp. and Police Dept. to assist in removal of political signs when in violation of by-law.

Mr. Hart stated that the Chelmsford Rotary Club will soon celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of their charter and he asked that a letter of congratulations be prepared to be sent later to the club. This was approved.

Notice given of 5th Ann. of Rotary Club.

Mr. Hart asked that a letter be sent to the North Chelmsford Water District to inquire if the water level has dropped in the wells of the District since Crystal Lake has been lost. He stated that if there are problems such as this the town might be able to obtain funds to assist. It was agreed that the inquiry should be made.

Inquiry to be sent to North Water Dist. re: water level of wells.

Mr. Doody spoke of the poor condition of School Street; that it was now like a roller coaster, and was a hazardous area even when motorists kept within the speed limits. He asked that a letter be sent to the Police Dept., Traffic Division, for a study of conditions at the intersection of School St. and Main Street, and near Winship Square, and that it might be advisable to reduce parking in the area, and painting lines on the road surface to divert traffic to one lane or another, and that trees and poles along School St. between Graniteville Road and Old Westford, should have reflectors placed on same, or painted

Request for road repairs and traffic survey of School St. area.

on both sides of the street, and that there are loose rocks on the side of the road which could be dangerous. He also asked that the radar car be assigned in this area to enforce the speed limit. It was agreed that these matters should be referred to the Police and Highway Depts.

Inquiry to be sent to Bldg. Insp. re: possible zoning violations at Vrouhas Property.

Mr. Doody also asked that an inquiry be sent to the Building Inspector to ask a number of questions about any possible zoning violations which might exist at the premises of Charles Vrouhas on Littleton Road, where a tourist home or motel is located. Mr. Doody asked that a history of past permits that might have been granted, as well as more recent ones, be supplied to the board for their study. The request was approved by other members of the board.

New Members appointed for Youth Center Committee. Chairman Pro-Tem Named.

Mr. Doody then presented the names of six persons for appointment as members of the Youth Study Committee, The board approved the suggestions and the following named persons will serve in the future:

1. Michael Barry, 27 Berkeley Drive,
2. Donald J. Carignan, 1 Ranch Road,
3. Norman H. Douglas, 30 Rainbow Ave.,
4. Rev. Jerry D. Lee, 205 North Road,
5. Joanne Weinert, 21 Rack Road,
6. Vincent F. Gates, 170 North Road.

Mr. Doody also asked that letters be sent to the School Committee and the Recreation Commission to invite these committees to submit names of persons who might wish to serve on the Youth Center Study Committee in the future. It was also suggested that all this information be forwarded to Mrs. Anne Stratos and that she would be the Chairman Pro-Tem and help organize the committee for the new year.

Notice given of Sports Night to be held as well as Press Conference.

Mr. Lannan reported that the Int. Brotherhood of Police Officers of our local organization would sponser a Sports Night on Sept. 23rd, 1972 and that a Press Conference would be conducted at 2:00 P.M. on May 20th, 1972, and the objective is to encourage young people toward worthwhile activities. Mr. Hart stated he would attend the Press Conference at the Banqueteer Restaurant.

Press reporters invited to ask questions.

Then Mr. Lannan opened the meeting to the press for questions which they might have. Several questions were directed to the board.

Meeting adjourns.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, May 22nd, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Hart was unable to be present due to injuries sustained in a recent automobile accident. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

Reporters were present as follows:

1. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:10 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:28 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:35 P.M.
4. Harold Sullivan of Lowell Radio Station WCAP arrived at 8:03 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Contracts signed for participation in Regional Drug Program.

The contract for 1972 for the town to participate in the activities, and offer support to the Greater Lowell Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Program, Inc., d/b/a Share were approved and signed by the board and will now be forwarded to Mr. Roger Trottier, President of Share, for countersigning. Total amount of the contract will be $18,000. annually and had been authorized by town meeting vote

Use of CTH. approved.

Use of the upper room of the Center Town Hall by the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen for Wednesday, June 7th, 1972 from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for their monthly muster was approved.

No action taken to approve minutes.

It was decided to postpone approval of the minutes of regular meetings of May 8th, and May 15th, 1972, to allow the members additional time to read the material.

At 7:30 P.M. a group of young people with Mr. Thomas D'Arcy appeared before the board to offer information about the coming Youth March planned for Sunday, June 4th, 1972. Display posters were shown to the board and there were presentations made of the Official Registration Form to be used by participants for the March. Photographs were taken with Mr. Lannan reciving the Sponser Sheets from Lisa Ripsom, Youth Publicity Chairman, Michael Brouillette, Douglas Anderson. The Selectmen offered their best wishes for a most successful event.

Youth March Committee members confer with Selectmen.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to grant renewals of Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Cinema Realty Co. at 299-305 Chelmsford Street, for Cinema I, and Cinema II from May 28th, 1972 to May 20th, 1973. State Fees: $50.00 each. Total: $100.00. Town Fees: $2.00 per Sunday, or $104.00 per year, each. Total: $208.00. Grant Total of Fees Collected: $308.00 .

Sunday Entertainment Licenses Approved.

A letter was received from Mrs. Priscilla B. Hinckley of 50 Acton Road, in which she offered suggestions for changes in the observances for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th, 1972. She asked that the usual parade, with its accent on the military, be omitted, due to the present conflict in South Vietnam, and she suggested that it might be more fitting to have walks to the cemeteries this year, where a service could be conducted. It was decided to forward a reply to Mrs. Hinckley to inform her that the town has a Memorial Day Celebration Committee, cimprised of representatives of the Veterans' organizations, and they make such arrangements and conduct the observances, and the Selectmen are only invited to participate; and that the town appropriates funds for this event, and the Selectmen have no reason for either altering or cancelling the parade plans; most of which had been arranged several weeks ago.

Resident suggests changes be made in the Memorial Day Observances. Board does not approve request.

A letter was received from the Office of the Selectmen of the Town of Billerica to offer the board information about the substidy now being paid to the Vocell Bus Company, for service between Billerica and Lowell. No action was taken on this subject, pending receipt of additional information which had been requested from the official of the Vocal Bus Company.

Information received re: Bus Subsidy in Billerica.

A report was received from the Supt. of Streets regarding his recommendations for future purchase of Road Salt, per recent bids received, and per his past experience to obtain adequate supply at short notice. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Selectmen instruct the Purchasing Officer, Mr. Robert E. Olson, to contact the Lowell Purchasing Officer to learn status of the plan for regional purchases of this material, and to obtain information as to the procedures they plan to follow in the future, and to learn the date when they will issue a new call for bids. Each board member concurred with this suggestion.

Inquiries to be sent to Lowell to learn plans for bidding of Road Salt.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to appoint Mrs. Roanne Center, of 13 Aberdeen Road, as a member of the Committee to Study the Present Dog Leash Law. It was also decided to forward a letter to Mr. William Ary, Chairman of the Committee, to request that the committee now be re-called for study work to see what steps can be taken to make the law more effective, and to determine what should be done to strengthen it, and to report to the Selectmen from time to time. This suggestion was approved by all the members present.

Member appointed to Dog Leash Law Study Committee. Committee urged to commence new study.

A letter with questionnaire was received from the Mass. Legislative Research Council relating to the need for census information. It was decided to forward the material to the Town Clerk, Mrs. Mary E. St. Hilaire, with a request that she complete the questionnaire and return to the Selectmen, for mailing to the State House.

Questionnaire re: Census forwarded to Town Clerk.

The Selectmen approved the request of Mrs. Natalye B. Cease, Girl Scout Leader, for permission to allow various other troop members to sell balloons along the line of march for the Memorial Day and July 4th Parades. The board had previously granted permission for the Troop to make such sales, for benefit of troop activities and projects.

Venders approved for Balloon Sale.

Complaint received re: collection of debris along Swain Rd. Highway Dept. cleans area.

A letter was received from Mrs. Stella J. Brown of 35 Swain Road, in which she called attention to the condition of the sides of the road at and near the town dump property, where residents have left debris, and allowed same to blow from uncovered barrels and containers. She stated that she and her husband had been obliged to clean up the area on numerous occasions and the conditions were unsightly and a great inconvenience to them. A report was received from the Supt. of Streets, stating that he had recently cleaned up the area, and will install "No Dumping" signs to discourage such practices. It was decided to notify Mrs. Brown of the steps taken.

Conference with members of CTI re: approval of a Social Planning Project.

Selectmen approve participation by Chelmsford in Social Planning Project.

At about 7:45 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Arnaud R. Blackadar, Town Accountant, and a representative to the Community Teamwork, Inc. and he explained that CTI was about to make a proposal to the town, and the Selectmen, for approval to launch a Social Planning Project, with federal funds. Others present for this conference included Mrs. Mary Gagnon of CTI and Mr. Gerald A. Robinson, also of CTI, and Mr. William Lipchitz, the Project Developer. It was explained that very prompt action was needed and Mr. Blackadar introduced Mr. Lipchitz to explain the aims and objectives. Mr. Lipchitz commenced by saying the program would be for two years, and would be to provide the town with social planning, and there would be a small staff, and the funds would be from the OEO program. He stated that this would be an experiment in revenue sharing, and there would need to be a cooperative effort between the CTI and the Town of Chelmsford. He said this would be a low income service, and the application forms must be submitted by May 24th, and the initial grant will be for $100,000.00. He read excerpts of the contract form and explained certain aspects of the program. He said after the funds are received, they would be administered by CTI, and the result would provide a Planning Staff for Chelmsford, Mr. Lannan asked if there would be office space needs, and Mr. Lipchitz replied that perhaps funds could be used for equipment needs, and the availability of space would be helpful to the program. Mr. Lannan asked if the staff would be hired from the unemployed and Mr. Lipchitz stated that this may be possible as CTI would work on this. Mr. Humphrey asked if there was a matching-fund aspect to the program and Mr. Lipchitz stated there was no indication of this requirement. He also stated that if the Selectmen should approve the plan, an agreement must be signed. Mr. Humphrey asked who would benefit by such a program. Mr. Lipchitz explained that not only the low income group would benefit, but the town, in general could derive benefit from the plan, and as an example, a child care clinic might be possible. Mr. Humphrey asked Mr. Blackadar for a recommendation. Mr. Blackadar stated that he could see no harm for the town to participate, and much benefit might be derived, and he said he could see no cost to the town either, and he concluded his statement by recommending that the board approve the plan. Mr. Doody asked for further details about the benefits; such as the plan for a child care clinic. Mr. Lipchitz emphasized that the proposal is for planning only. Mr. Doody asked for information about other areas of needs and Mr. Lipchitz explained what these would be. In conclusion, Mr. Doody stated he would favor such a program. Mr. Markham asked several questions, such as size of the staff. Mr. Lipchitz stated there would be a Planner, an Assistant Planner, Secretary and other helpers. Mr. Markham asked if they would be working with Mrs. Mary K. McAuliffe, the CTI local representative. Mr. Lipchitz stated they would not; that this group would be a Planning Staff, to study and develop the needs. Then Mr. Doody moved to have the board approve a plan for the town to participate and execute the agreement which will be a pre-application for Revenue Sharing and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the document in behalf of the board. Mr. Markham seconded the motion and it was voted by all members present. It was also stated that Mr. Paul C. Hart, who was not present at this meeting, had been infomred in detail about the proposal, and that he had indicated his approval to participate in the plan. Thus there was unanimous approval for this particular subject.

Selectmen requested to review court decree and offer approval if in order.

A letter was received from the Town Counsel in which he inquired about the board's opinion and feelings concerning the provisions of a final proposed decree between the parties involved in the case of Barrett vs Hamel and the Board of Appeals. Mr. McCarthy requested the board study the decree and inform him in writing if they approve of the conditions, and then to authorize him to sign the document in behalf of the board. A similar request also will be forwarded to the Board of Appeals.

At 8:00 P.M. Sealed Bids were scheduled to be opened for the purchase of two pieces of Highway Equipment. At about 8:17 P.M. the bid opening commenced. Those present included one company representative and the Purchasing Officer, Mr. Robert E. Olson. The bids, as received, are listed as follows:

For One Steam Cleaner:

1.	EMER Inc.,	No Bid.	
2.	Hughes Enterprises, Co.,	$,995.00	
	" " " (Alternate)	1,705.00	(N/C for detergent.)
3.	Towers Motor Parts Corp.	1,885.00	
4.	Clark Wilcox Co.	1,604.00	
	" " " (Alternate)	1,495.00	
	" " " (for detergent)	264.50	
5.	Zep Manufacturing Co.,	1,323.75	(with detergent.)

It was decided to take the bids under advisement and forward same to the Purchasing Officer for study by him and the Supt. of Streets, and they to forward their recommendations in writing to the board.

Sealed Bids opened and taken under advisement for purchase of a Steam Cleaner.

For One Catch Basin Cleaner:

1.	E. F. Edson Co.	$5,750.00
2.	Northeast Sales & Service:	5,750.00
3.	Anderson Engineering Co:	4,295.00
	" " " (Alternate)	5,295.00
4.	Stedt Hydraulic Crane Corp.	5,620.00

It was also decided to take these bids under advisement and forward same to the Purchasing Officer for study by him and the Supt. of Streets, and they to forward their recommendations in writing to the board.

Sealed Bids opened and taken under advisement for purchase of a Catch Basin Cleaner

A letter was received from the Nashoba Valley Technical High School with an inquiry for the town to inform the vocational school administrators of their data processing needs, as they wished to make future plans for the use of the center. It was decided to forward the letter to the Data Processing Committee, with copies to the Treasurer and Tax Collector and the Town Clerk, to ask for their comments. It was also decided, on the request of Mr. Doody, that this data processing information should be madeavailable to the new Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee.

Inquiry rec'd from Vocational School re: Data Processing needs of the Town. Subject referred to Data Processing Committee

A letter was received from the Planner for the Highway Department, to state that he had been unable to receive assistance from the Building Inspector for the proposed survey to be made of town outdoor advertising signs, and that he had been unable to contact Mr. Charles Higgins, of the Appeal Board, to obtain data about variances granted in the past for such signs. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with the Bldg. Insp. to make arrangements for the survey to commence with Mr. Grunewald, and it was decided to suggest that Mr. Grunewald contact the new Chairman of the Appeal Board, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Teeven.

Plans made for survey and obtaining information on Outdoor Advertising Signs.

Mr. Lannan also asked that a list be prepared of all unanswered letters and requests made to the Building Inspector, so that these subjects may be discussed with Mr. McHugh at a conference to be held this week, as the replies and information are needed and responses must be forwarded to the board.

Conference planned with Bldg. Insp. re: work not completed.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Eugene Crane of the Southwell Combing Company regarding their request for a Transfer of a Gasoline and Oil License from James A. II and Jeanne Lowery to the Southwell Combing Co. at 60-66 Middlesex Street, due to new ownership. Mr. Crane explained the reason for this request, stating that the company had purchased the land for parking needs, and they desired to keep the license up-to-date. Mr. Humphrey inquired if there had been problems or questions about the use of this property in the past; Mr. Coburn explained that there had been several transfers of the license, and in each case they were due to a change in ownership. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the majority of the members present to grant the transfer of the license, for same capacity of fluids to be stored as reflected on the previous license. Fee: None.

Transfer of Gasoline Storage License Granted.

Selectmen decline to certify application for License of Beano Games for South VIA.

A legal opinion was received from the Town Counsel relating to the application of the South Chelmsford Village Improvement Association for a license to operate a Game Commonly known as Beano. Mr. McCarthy reported after making an investigation of the requirements, as set forth under the General Laws, that the Association did not meet the criteria, inasmuch as it did not have, nor was it associated with other similar organizations located outside the state, and therefore, the board should not certify approval of the applicant. Then Mr. Humphrey moved, and Mr. Doody seconded the motion, to deny the signing of the application, as outlined by the Town Counsel, and to so notify the organization. A vote followed, and each member voted in favor of the motion.

Letter of commendation received for work by Police Officials.

A letter was received from the Danco Building Supply Co. in which they commended Officers Wellington and Auger for their excellent police work in apprehending persons who had broken into the company building on May 13th, 1972. It was decided to forward a letter of commendation to the Police Department and to inquire from the Chief if he has any further recommendations in this matter relating to the two officers involved.

Permission granted for use of Outdoor Loudspeaker.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the majority of the members present to grant permission for the use of an Outdoor Loudspeaker for the live musical concert to be held on Sunday, June 4th, 1972, between the hours of 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the field in rear of the High School Cafeteria, after the conclusion of the Youth March.

Fire Chief appointed as a member of the Civil Defense Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the majority of the members present to appoint Chief Frederick H. Reid as a member of the Civil Defense Committee (Term to expire: 3/1973). This action was taken as the board desired to have the Fire Dept. represented on the Civil Defense Committee, as it had been enlarged from three to seven members. It was decided to explain this fact to Chief Reid, and that the Firefighters & Associates had declined to submit a name of a nominee due to lack of interest, and that the board hoped that Chief Reid would be willing to accept appointment to this important assignment.

Conference held with resident and his attorney re: his objections to granting of liquor license. Claims made that he is an abutter and he was not properly notified.

At 9:00 P.M. a conference commenced with Mr. Richard O. Lahue, Jr., of 19 Evergreen St. in response to his letter of complaint to the board in which he stated he had not been properly notified as an abutter about the application and subsequent hearing of Eastgate Liquor Mart, Inc., for an all alcoholic license as a Retail Package Goods Store. Atty. John L. Connell, Jr. introduced himself, stating that he had been hired to represent Mr. Lahue, and that he was a practicing attorney; residing at 20 Depot St., in Westford, and having law offices at 174 Central Street, Lowell. Mr. Lannan then read various letters which had been received and sent out; about this matter, and he asked if Mr. Lahue was present. Mr. Richard O. Lahue, Jr. identified himself. Also present was Mr. Richard O. Lahue, Sr. and several other interested persons. Mr. Lannan then asked if Mr. Lahue had not visited the Town Hall Assessors Office and, after examining the maps, did acknowledge that he was not an abutter. Mr. Lahue did not answer the question, and Mr. Lannan directed it then to Mr. Coburn. Mr. Coburn stated that an employee of the Assessors Office had stated that this visit did take place, and the statement had been made by Mr. Lahue to the clerk. Mr. Connell then spoke and he stated that we should not be concerned with what had been stated as this was not a direct report but could be considered heresay. Then he asked the board to cancel the granting of the license to the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., and he felt that after this hearing tonight the board would have evidence that this should be done. He continued by saying that the law allows the Selectmen to cancel a license when no notice has been sent. He pointed out that this requirement of notifying abutters is not an obligation of the Selectmen, but instead of the applicant. Atty. Connel then contended that Richard O. Lahue, Jr. is an abutter and he should have been notified, and the statute does allow the Selectmen to cancel a license for this reason. He stated that as an aggrieved party, he had the right to appear and present his objections, and we will establish that he is an abutter and that he has a definite interest in this matter. He said the parking in the area can increase due to the granting of this license, and the hours of operation of this store will be longer than some of the other stores; thus increasing the traffic. Mr. Connell stated that the statute says "may" in the section where the board can deny a license when an abutter has not been notified, and if the board does not deny, they are, in fact, saying that this abutter has a lesser degree of interest. He again asked for cancellation and then displayed plans for the board to see. He stated that these plans show as a plain fact that the East Gate area is one parcel, and he stated the Assessors have assessed the parcels as one. Mr. Lannan asked if this plan, as displayed before the board this evening, is from the Assessors Office. Mr. Connell replied that it was a plan as recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Lannan stated he saw plans in the Assessors Office and this did not resemble those plans. Mr. Connell stated that in the case of these properties, one or two tax bills are issued. Mr. Lannan then very emphatically stated that this is not the plan that I saw in the Assessors Office. Then some tracings of plans were shown. Mr. Humphrey asked what is on this land of Mr. Lahue. Mr. Connell asked his client, Richard O. Lahue, Jr., to answer the question. Mr. Lahue replied that his house and garage are located on this land. Mr. Lannan then read from the Town Counsel's legal opinion , and then the board checked the list of names which had been received from the Assessors, and also the affidavit was read which had been received from the applicant, citing the names of persons who had been notified. Mr. Connell stated that it appeared that property owners, other than those on the Assessors list, had been notified. Mr. Lannan commented that the Selectmen must now consider if Mr. Lahue is an abutter. Mr. Humphrey stated that the obligation to notify abutters rests with the applicant, and a list of names was requested from the Assessors, and he asked why Mr. Lahue's name was not placed on this list as an abutter. Mr. Doody commented that there appear to be several questions here; did the applicant consider Mr. Lahue not an abutter, and did Mr. Lahue not konw of the application and hearing. Mr. Connell stated we say he was not notified. Mr. Doody asked that the location of Mr. Lahue's property be pointed out on the plan. Mr. Connell did so. Mr. Markham then asked if the plans as displayed this evening were not Planning Board plans, as they had been signed by Planning Board members, and perhaps these plans are on file in the Planning Board Office. Mr. Markham asked if there was common ownership of the various lots. Mr. Connell remarked that this is precisely so; that there is one owner. Mr. Doody asked that the applicant be asked if they did think that they had notified all the abutters. This was agreed that such an inquiry should be sent. Mr. Markham stated that now with this hearing tonight, the Selectmen will have thirty days in which to act? Other board members commented that this was so. It was agreed that it was now urgent that letters with certain questions be sent to the Assessors and to the applicant. Mr. Humphrey commented that under the law Mr. Lahue has five days after the board's decision is announced to appeal to the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Then the hearing closed at 9:35 P.M. and the subject was taken under advisement.

Conference continues with resident and his attorney re: claim that he is an abutter and he had not been properly notified re: Liquor License Application and Hearing.

At about 9:45 P.M. a conference commenced with Sgt. Armand J. Caron of the Police Department concerning the subject of Trap Shooting activities at the premises of the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club, Inc., at Mill Road. The conference was planned for 9:15 P.M. but due to delays did not commence on schedule. Approximately eleven members of the Gun Club were present, including two officers, Mr. Dean D. Giroux and Mr. Arnold B. Steeves. Also present was Mrs. Judith H. Ebner, of 24 Ruthellen Road, who had written to the board earlier about this subject to register her complaints against such use near residential property. Mr. Lannan read aloud the contents of several letters, and he also read aloud the contents of a Police Department report, presented to the board by Sgt. Caron, as had been requested by the Selectmen at the previous regular meeting of the board. The Police Dept. report did contain information which cited certain violations relating to the inadequate distance of the firing range from the road, and certain dangers were cited. Mr. Lannan also then read aloud the contents of a letter received from the Gun Club in which a request was made that the club be allowed to continue the sport of Trap Shooting practice. Mr. Lannan asked various

Conference held with Police Sgt. and Gun Club Members and Resident re: existing conditions at Shooting Range and what future action should be taken.

Conference continues with Police Sergeant and members of Gun Club and Resident re: future use of Shooting Range.

questions of Sgt. Caron relating to the permit to allow the club to have such activitires and to learn if Sgt. Caron had visited the premises. Sgt. Caron stated he was ont of town on May 14th, 1972, the date when most of the complaints were received, and that no permits had been given out for shootings prior to 1:00 P.M. on Sundays. He displayed a plan of the area, showing distances from the road to the firing range, and the location of nearby residences. He stated that changes are needed to overcome the violations and he stated that they do have dangers in the area as children could come onto the wooded property of the club and this could be a hazard. He stated that the permits for Sunday Shooting are granted by the Selectmen only, and that the firing line must be relocated to be legal. He explained that the state law controls the weekday shooting and the Selectmen would control the Sunday shooting. Mr. Arnold Steeves explained that a temporary trap house had been installed near the road, and they felt that this location is safe. He further stated that a permanent trap house would be installed at the center of the property, but indicated again that he felt the present location is safe. He acknowledged that "we are in violation." Mr. Humphrey then stated that the club cannot use this temporary location as the club is in violation of the state law concerning required distances. Mr. Steeves acknowledged this was so, by saying "Yes." Mr. Humphrey asked about the state law requirements and Sgt. Caron also affirmed there was a violation and he explained in detail the distance required to the road, and then cited the actual distance which is less. He explained that sometimes the state Dept. of Public Safety will grant variances under certain extenuating circumstances, and that a special permit is perhaps possible under some circumstances if the Selectmen approve. Sgt. Caron also called attention to the fact that noise levels must also be considered. Then a discussion followed regarding the provisions of the state laws and the town by-law. Mr. Humphrey asked for the recommendations of Sgt. Caron and Sgt. Caron stated that he would advise the club to install a five-foot high fence along the entire length of area where the shots will be fired, and he estimated the distance to be 1,800 feet. He then said that the range could be as safe as a range can be. He also stated that it would be very noisy, and this can be very frightening to parents. Mr. Markham asked if the club had ceased using the range and what are the future plans of the club. Mr. Steeves stated that they had ceased firing, and the club would hope to receive the recommendations of the Selectmen, and they would hope to be able to use the new range on weekdays. Mr. Markham then suggested that the Gun Club make a written request to the Selectmen. Mr. Lannan stated that the board will ask the Police Chief for his written recommendations, as it was noted that such recommendations were not contained in the report received this evening. Mr. Humphrey suggested that later the abutters be invited to meet with the Selectmen so that the board could hear their comments. Mrs. Judith H. Ebner then asked if she could speak and she cited the fact that the neighbors were fearful of the existing dangers, and that the time of day or week when the firing takes place is of no relevance. She said the noise is very loud and very constant. Mr. Doody stated that the state laws control the use on weekdays, which is beyond the jurisdiction of the Selectmen. Mr. Humphrey reminded everyone that the town has a noise by-law, and the implementation of this by-law had been used at the Field Shopping Center to reduce a noise nuisance. Mrs. Ebner stated that she wanted the board to know she complains now about the noise in this area from this activity. Mr. Lannan asked the board if they wished to meet with the abutters and neighbors. Mr. Humphrey suggested that word go out to these people that a conference would be held. Mr. Markham suggested that a request be sent to the Gun Club to ask what they plan to do, and if they anticipate making changes, and, if so, to explain same to the board. He felt it would be advisable to have this information before scheduling a conference with the neighbors. Mr. Humphrey agreed that this would be the best plan to follow. Mr. Lannan then suggested that the board obtain an opinion from the Town Counsel to determine what the authority the Selectmen have under the provisions of the state law and town regulations, and to determine if the Selectmen can regulate such activities on days other than Sundays. The board then agreed to do all of these things, and it was agreed also to hold the meeting with the abutters later after all the material has been received. Then the conference ended.

Status Report to be prepared re: establishment of Liquid Waste Study Comm.

Mr. Humphrey asked that a status report be prepared about the subject of appointment of the Committee to be named to Study the Liquid Waste Problems of the town.

The board then considered the legal opinion received from the Town Counsel with respect to the subject of establishment of a position of Code Inspector, without town meeting approval. The Town Counsel ruled that such a position can be established provided federal funds are available. Then Mr. Humphrey moved, seconded by Mr. Doody, that the position of Code Inspector be approved for the months of June, July and August 1972 under Section 5, Lag Funds of the EEA Program. Mr. Markham inquired why the motion is needed for this particular position, as it had not been done for other EEA positions. Mr. Humphrey explained that he did want to see the experience over the three-month period before making the position for a longer period of time. He stated he felt that in this particular case, it would be advisable to restrict the position. Mr. Markham accepted this explanation, and then a unanimous vote followed.

Position of Code Inspector established.

Selectmen appoint a Code Inspector under EEA program.

Mr. Lannan, at this point, announced that an application had been given initial approval for appointment as a Code Inspector, by Mr. John Clark, EEA Project Director, and the name of Roland E. Linstad, of 339 Boston Road, was placed before the board for their concurrence. Mr. Lannan stated that Mr. Linstad did qualify under the EEA requirements since he is a Vietnam Veteran and he is disadvantaged due to his age bracket. The board then approved this appointment, at the salary rate of $583.00 per month, to be effective 5/30/72. Mr. Humphrey asked that arrangements be made for Mr. Linstad to be permitted to work wit the City of Lowell Code Inspector to learn procedures and receive advice. Mr. Lannan agreed to make these arrangements with Lowell city officials.

Attorney for special project requests data from Board of Appeals and Town Clerk.

A letter was received from Atty. Charles J. Zaroulis in which he asked for assistance to obtain certain written documents from the Board of Appeals and the Town Clerk, to implement his investigation into the subject of possible zoning violations at the East Gate Shopping Area, a project assigned to him by the Selectmen at an earlier meeting. It was decided to request the Chairman of the Board of Appeals and the Town Clerk to provide the needed information.

A legal opinion was received from the Town Counsel relating to the legality of issuance of a building permit for a Living and Learning Center on Boston Road at Warren Avenue. The opinion indicated that it had been proper to issue the permit, and that the operators of the center must, in the future, operate the business within the scope of the zoning by-law. It was decided to make available copies of the legal opinion to certain persons who reside in the general area, and who had raised legal questions about the use of this property for such a purpose.

Legal Opinion received re: issuance of building permit and use of property for Living & Learning Center.

A letter was received from the Mass. Elec. Co. explaining the serious ramifications which would result if permission were granted to Mr. Hedison and Mr. Parekn to move a building from 15 Acton Road to a location at North Road and Linwood Street. It was stated in the letter that a serious interruption of power would result for much of the area. It was decided to place the letter on file inasmuch as no letter of request had been received.

Report rec'd from Utility Co. re: moving of house.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Home Rule Advisory Committee in which a request was made for an appointment with the board to discuss the specific aims and objectives of the committee. It was decided to schedule a conference with the committee on June 12th, 1972.

Home Rule Advisory Committee requests conference with board.

A letter was received from the President of the Chelmsford Art Society in which a request was made that the town consider providing a place for the society to use for its projects, such as an Art Gallery to display the works of its members and for use as a craft center. It was stated that the organization does fill a civic need and that the town might be able to provide suitable quarters, and the use of the old schoolhouse building at Forefathers' Cemtery was cited as a possible location, if remodeling and changes were made. It was decided to invite the officers of the association to meet with the board on June 12th, 1972 to discuss the subject. It was stated that the use of town facilities for such a purpose would require a town meeting vote.

Art Society requests suitable building space for Gallery.

Complaint received re: filling of land. Subject referred to Bldg. Insp. for report.

A memorandum was received from the Office of Senator Kennedy and which referred to an inquiry made by Mrs. Robert LeDrew, of 4 Gregory Road, relating to a complaint against Mr. John Sutherland of 189 North Road, who had filled in sections of his property, behind the fence of Mrs. LeDrew, and which, she stated, had caused property damage as rains and storms had washed the fill material onto her property. Mr. Lannan reported that the subject had been given to the Bldg. Insp. for investigation. Mr. Humphrey stated he was familiar with the problem and that the complainant had been informed a long time ago that this was a civil matter between parties, and the subject had not been ignored, as indicated in the letter. Mr. Humphrey stated further that the new town by-law relating to land fills might be the tool that can be used in this case. It was decided to await the reply from the Bldg. Insp. before forwarding a letter to Mrs. LeDrew and Sen. Kennedy's office.

Application received for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

An application was received from James L. Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License at 5 Summer Street. This was the second time the application had come before the board; the first time it was deemed advisable to return the documents for additional information. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the majority of the members present to advertise the application and set up a hearing for same.

Historical Commission requests that park fence be restored. Subject referred to Park Commissioners.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Historical Commission requesting that the Selectmen offer their approval and recommendation for the replacing of the old-type granite post and rail fencing at the small park located at the junction of Worthen Street and North Road, and which had been partially damaged due to an automobile accident. It was decided to refer the Historical Commission to the elected Park Commissioners who have jurisdiction over such matters, and to inform the Historical Commission that the Park Commissioners will make the final decision.

Endorsement voted to remember Prisoners of War.

On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the majority of the members present to endorse and support the efforts of the Committee to Remember Our Prisoners of War, by requesting the townspeople to light their car headlights or light their porch or yard lights on Memorial Day, as a token of remembrance of our prisoners in southeast Asia.

Inquiry re: Disposal of Waste Material referred to Environmental Adv. Council.

A letter was received from the Planner of the Highway Dept. in which he notified the board that he had received an inquiry from a company who wished to make a presentation to the town relating to a plan for Disposal of Waste Materials. It was decided to refer the company to the Environmental Advisory Council and if they feel the town should act in this matter, they should so inform the Selectmen. This course of action was approved by all members of the board.

Application for Beano License certified by board.

An application was received from the Knights of Columbus for a License to Operate a Game Commonly known as Beano at their premises at 21 Quigley Avenue. Mr. Doody moved to certify the application and to forward the documents to the proper state agency for the issuance of the license. Mr. Markham seconded the motion. Then a vote followed with Mr. Doody, Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan voting in favor. Mr. Humphrey abstained; stating that he is a member of the organization in good standing and he did not want anyone to construe his vote as being biased. Fee collected for the state: $50.00

Bldg. Insp. requested to implement provisions of Yard Sale By-Law.

Mr. Humphrey then spoke on the subject of Yard, Barn and Garage Sales which have been conducted in residential areas and which are now regulated by town by-law. He stated the by-law should now be implemented and which will limit property owners to one sale per year, and that their permits should be obtained prior to the time of the sale. He stated that it is possible that such merchandise being sold at these sales, might be coming into the town from outside sources. He also called attention to the fact that the weekly newspaper gave evidence of the number of sales as many are advertised. He asked that action be taken against those persons who do not comply. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the majority of the members present to instruct the Bldg. Insp. to commence to implement the by-law. Mr. Markham suggested the board check with the Town Counsel to determine the effective date of the by-law. Mr. Humphrey commented that he believed this is not necessary, as the board can act under the Home Rule Law and that violations of this subject are not in accordance with the Town Zoning By-Laws.

Mr. Humphrey asked that a inquiry be sent to the Supt. of Streets to learn if all work had been completed to his satisfaction on the seven streets accepted at the Annual Town Meeting of 1972, so that the board could take final action on this matter, as set forth in the article.

Inquiry to be sent to St.Supt. re: status of 1972 St. Acceptances.

Mr. Doody notified the board that the membership of the Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee had been determined and he offered a group of names for the Selectmen to appoint as members of this new committee. The board unanimously approved the naming of Committee as follows:

To represent the Planning Board: Eugene E. Gilet,
To represent the Finance Committee: Marvin W. Schenk,
To represent the Selectmen: Eugene J. Doody,

and other members to be Edgar P. George, Edward G. Krasnecki, Robert P. Sullivan and Robert E. Brogan, appointments effective: 5/22/72. Mr. Doody reported that a meeting will be held on June 6th, and he outlined the work which will be done.

Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee Appointed.

A letter of resignation was received from Rev. James J. Low, as a member of the Drug Abuse Study Committee, and as the regular representative to the Greater Lowell Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Program, Inc., d/b/a Share. It was decided to accept the resignation and to forward a letter of appreciation to Rev. Low for his work in the past in both capacities. Then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the majority of the members present to appoint Mrs. Anne E. Stratos as a regular member to the Greater Lowell Drug Treatment & Rehabiliation Program.

Member of Drug Abuse Committee & Representative to "Share" resigns. New representative appointed to "Share".

Mr. Doody then offered to the board a slate of members for appointment to the Drug Abuse Study Committee for the ensuing year. The list was acceptable to the board members and then on a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the majority of the members present to appoint the following-named persons, (all terms to expire: 3/1973):

1. James M. Geary, Jr.,
2. Rev. Paul W. Berube,
3. Paul J. Royte,
4. Dr. Stephen R. Brovender,
5. Michael Barry,
6. Lisa Webb Newhouse,
7. Anne E. Stratos,
8. Norman R. Moray,
9. Gregory Center,
10. Donald J. Butler,
11. B. Jay Finnegan,
12. Eugene J. Doody,

Drug Abuse Study Committee Members Appointed.

Mr. Doody asked that letters of appreciation be sent to various persons who had helped and assisted with the original planning and establishment of a Youth Center, and who now were not part of the present committee. The board concurred with this suggestion and letters will be sent to William A. Dempster, Jr., David A. Jewell, Debra J. Weinstein, Edward I. Moriarty, Robert W. Quinland, Hector R. Arbour, Henry J. Tucker, Jr., Paul C. Nicodemus, Paul V. Cicco, and Judith P. Morrison.

Letters of appreciation to be sent to previous members of Youth Center Study Committee.

Mr. Doody asked that the Building Inspector make an investigation of the area of Sandra Drive as a resident had been hauling in fill and had diverted the flow of a stream. Mr. Doody reported that this information had been received from Mrs. James S. Smith of 22 Sandra Drive. The board agreed that this investigation should be made.

Request made that investigation take place re: stream near Sandra Drive and filling of land.

Mr. Markham asked that letters be forwarded to the Conservation Commission to inform them of the land fill problems at Sutherland Property at 189 North Road, and in the area of Sandra Drive, for information purposes. It was agreed that this procedure should be followed.

Conservation Commission to be informed re: two land fill cases.

Mr. Markham reported that certain flash boards at a pond near the Garvey Property at Locke Road had been removed and water had spilled out and approached the roadway. He stated that at present the water had receded but asked that the Supt. of Streets and Town Engineer investigate the subject and take steps to restore the area. It was agreed that this should be done.

Pond overflow problem to be investigated.

Report received re: future work of Highway Dept.

Mr. Lannan then read the contents of a report received from the Supt. of Streets concerning the projects he plans to do during the summer of 1972. It was also decided that all projects should be checked where instructions had been sent to the Highway Dept. and where no written report had come back as yet to the Selectmen.

Meeting opened for questions by Reporters.

Then Mr. Lannan opened up the part of the meeting to the press reporters who might like to ask questions to better understand and clarify items of business which had been discussed this evening. Several questions were asked.

Meeting adjourns.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the members present to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Jurors Drawn.

On May 23rd, 1972 the following-named persons were drawn for Jury Service; by Mr. Lannan:
1. Francys M. Boegel, 24 Algonquin Rd., For Cambridge Criminal Court.
2. Andrew F. Sheehan, 225 Pine Hill Rd., " " " "

On May 25th, 1972 the following-named persons were drawn for Jury Service by Mr. Lannan:
1. John C. Curran, 7 Bradford Road, For Cambridge Criminal Court.
2. John T. Doole, 33 Sunset Avenue, " " " "

Permission granted for poppy sale.

On May 24th, 1972 the majority of the members of the board approved a request of the Disabled American Veterans of Lowell, for permission to sell Poppies on Saturday, May 27th, 1972, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the DeMoulas Shopping Center and the Fields Shopping Center, to benefit their Hospital Fund. It was noted that Chelmsford residents do have membership in this organization.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, May 30th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Doody was unable to be present due to his work schedule which required him to be on duty during these evening hours. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

The following-mentioned reporters were present:
1. Jerry House, of the Chelmsford Sentinel, arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce, of the Chelmsford Newsweekly, arrived at 7:32 P.M.
3. Gus Webster, of the Lowell Sun, arrived at 7:43 P.M.
4. Harold Sullivan, of Lowell Radio Station, WCAP, arrived at 7:45 P.M.

Name of nominee rec'd. for appmt. to School Bldg. Committee.

A letter was received from the Moderator, Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., in which the name of a nominee for appointment to the School Building Committee, was received. It was requested that the Adm. Assist. check the Town Meeting vote of authorization for naming these committee members, before taking any action on the matter.

Recommendations requested for Police Dept. Appmts.

It was decided to request that the Police Chief file a letter of recommendation with the board relating to the appointment of three permanent Patrolmen, per list received from the Director of Civil Service.

Minutes of previous meetings not accepted at this time.

It was decided to take no action at this time on the acceptance of minutes of the meetings of May 15th, and May 22nd, 1972 inasmuch as Mr. Doody is not present at this meeting.

Mr. Markham requested that the minutes for the meeting of May 8th, 1972 be amended to add a short statement. It was decided to take final action on these minutes after these changes have been made.

Then Mr. Markham commenced speaking on the subject of a memorandum which he had requested be sent to the Supt. of Streets, and which members of the board had placed a "hold" on, and he stated he would like to discuss the subject. Mr. Lannan, at this point, ruled Mr. Markham out of order and he requested that the subject be taken up later in the evening under new business. Mr. Markham did express the thought that it should be discussed now, but he finally consented to disuss the subject later.

Chairman requests certain subject be taken up under new business

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to grant a renewal of a Sunday Entertainment License to Bill Burns, Inc., d/b/a The Banqueteer, at 225 Littleton Road, for period 6/4/72 thru 5/27/73, State Fee: $50.00; Town Fee: $104.00. (52 Sundays @ $2.00 each.) Total Fee: $154.00

License Granted.

A Temporary Wines & Malt Beverages License was granted to the Lowell Sportsmens' Club, at their premises at Swain Road, for June 11th, 1972, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. for the Annual Outing. Fee: $0.50

License Granted.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the members present to adopt the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 1 Joint Pole Relocation on Park Road, to serve George Stott., C-1190, dated 4/7/72. No hearing was required. The petition was then signed by the Clerk, Mr. Markham.

Petition to relocate a utility pole adopted

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the members present to adopt a petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 1 Joint Pole Relocation on Drum Hill Road, to serve Robert Ekstrom, C-1198, dated 5/2/72. No hearing was required. The petition was then signed by the Clerk, Mr. Markham.

Petition to relocate a utility pole adopted.

A letter was received from Mr. F. Frtiz Knight of 21 Turnpike Road in which he called attention to the use of property on Turnpike Road, for a private dump, and he inquired if the town could intercede to stop this use. It was decided to forward the subject to the Bldg. Insp. and the Board of Health to determine if there are violations, and if so, to take the necessary action to stop such a use, and to ask that reports be filed with the board, so that we, in turn, may later inform Mr. Knight of the final results.

Complaint received re: use of land for private dump.

Letters were received from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield relating to a reduction of Group Insurance Rates for the year commencing July 1st, 1972. Also a proposal was received relating to new coverages now available for this municipal employee group. The Selectmen studied the rate quotations, as well as the letter of explanation received also from Mr. Roger P. Welch of the Insurance Advisory Committee. Mr. Welch did explain certain aspects of the subject but he and other members of the Advisory Committee did not present their written recommendations . Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to increase the coverage, as outlined in the letter from the Blue Cross, and to adopt the lower rate schedule. Then Mr. Markham spoke on the advisability of calling for bids for Health Insurance, and he commented that the board had earlier called this matter to the attention of the Insurance Advisory Committee. Mr. Markham requested that the vote just passed be amended to refer the subject back to the Insurance Advisory Committee and to ask that they investigate the advisability of a call for bids for Group Health Insurance and to learn details of other available health insurance plans and then to make written recommendations to the board about this subject. It was requested that if bids are not advisable now, that the Insurance Advisory Committee, so inform the board. It was agreed that bids should be solicited whenever feasible, but if not, the Selectmen should be told. The board agreed to the plan to amend the original motion. Mr. Markham then moved to refer the subject back to the Insurance Advisory Committee for their advice. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was then voted by all the members present.

Selectmen vote to request written recommendations re: future coverages for Group Health Insurance.

A letter was received from Dr. Howard D. Harrison, of the proposed new Disaster Committee being formed for the Greater Lowell Area to prepare officials in case of future serious accidents, and that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, 1972 at the Lowell General Hospital to work on the organization of such a committee. It was decided to place the subject on file.

Notice received regarding formation of a Disaster Committee

Hearing conducted on petition of utility company for permission to install underground conduit.

At 8:00 P.M. a hearing was held on the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. for permission to install conduit on Butt Hinge Road, at Newtowne Way, C-1199, dated 5/4/72. Mr. John H. Crane, representative from the utility company was present to explain the request. Also present was Mr. George W. McQuade of 5 Butt Hinge Road, an abutter. Mr. Crane stated that plans are underway for serving Newtowne Way by underground power line. Mr. Lannan asked if Mr. McQuade objected to these plans and Mr. McQuade replied that he had no objections. Mr. Lannan then asked what plans the power company were making for street lighting on Newtowne Way since the wires will be underground. Mr. Crane stated that later if lighting is approved, special poles will be erected. Mr. Lannan explained the past experiences of the board in such matters; stating that the cost to the town if far greater when lines are underground, and the board had felt in the past that such costs were prohibitive. Mr. Crane stated that this petition would serve only one new home. It was agreed that since no street lighting requests are being made at this time that the petition should be adopted. Mr. Humphrey moved that the board adopt the petition, subject to approval of the Supt. of Streets, and that he be satisfield with the road excavations and restorations. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and a vote of approval followed by all members present.

Request received for Street Light.

A letter was received from Richard H. Swift of 22 Rack Road, in which he requested that a street light be approved and installed on Pole No. 14 on Rack Road. It was decided to place the request on the list to be made up for survey purposes.

Street Light Survey List to be prepared.

At this point Mr. Humphrey requested that the list of streets, as accepted at the Annual Town Meeting of 1972, be prepared for a street light survey.

Atty. Gen. Office submits explanation re: By-Laws.

A letter was received from the Office of the Attorney General in which information was given as to the type of by-laws passed by the town, which must be approved by the Attorney General before becoming law. The letter was placed on file.

School Committee permitted to seek advice from Town Counsel.

Approval was granted by the board to the School Committee to confer with Town Counsel and to obtain legal opinions relating to the receipt of Bids for Roofing Repairs, and the Specifications used for such bidding, and to determine if the School Committee can legally take steps to recover damages for leaks in roofing at various school properties .

Application for a Beano License Certified.

An application was received from the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks for a license to operate a game commonly called Beano at their premises on Littleton Road. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the majority of the members present to certify to state officials that the application meets the requirements of state law. Fee of $50.00 received and to be forwarded to the state. Those who voted to certify the application included Mr. Lannan, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Markham. Mr. Humphrey abstained from voting, stating that he is a member of this organization in good standing and he did not believe he should vote on this subject. Then Mr. Humphrey asked if the board would approve a suggestion to forward a request to the Town Counsel to learn if the Selectmen can properly sign such applications when they are members of the organization in good standing. Other members present approved this suggestion, and a legal opinion will be sought.

Notice of Cease & Desist Order received re: Hatch Act Violation. Conservation Commission requested to furnish reports of same in the future.

A copy of a letter to the state Dept. of Natural Resources was received from Mrs. Bessie Wiggin of 220 Acton Road, in which she inquired from the state agency why she had received a Cease & Desist Order relating to the requirements of the Hatch Act, and to ask the agency for an explanation. Mr. Hart stated that he understood several persons in town had received such orders and the parties involved had, in some cases, asked for further explanations and details as to the reasons for issuance of such orders. Mr. Humphrey asked that a request be sent to the Conservation Commission for them to provide the Selectmen with a list of names of persons and descriptions of properties involved in such orders, and details as to what is being done on these premises which required the issuance of such an order, so that the Selectmen would be informed, and so that they might advise the property owners in the event they appeal to the Selectmen for assistance.

An application was received from the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., James C. Harrington, Manager, for transfer of a liquor license from the present premises at 37 Central Square to a new location at 18 Boston Road. A discussion followed as to information submitted on the application relating to the distance to the nearest playground. At first it was believed that the entry was incorrect, and the application should be returned to the applicant for correction. Then Atty. Robert P. Sullivan, representing the applicant, explained the reason for submitting this information in this manner, and upon hearing the explanation, it was agreed to accept the application. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to advertise the application and schedule a hearing on same. It was decided to ask the applicant to furnih a parking plan of the proposed new store area. Mr. Markham asked if the board would wish to question the applicants and their attorney, as they all were present in the board meeting room this evening, to learn more of the parking plans, but Mr. Lannan, the Chairman, did not entertain the suggestion.

Application received for issuance of a Transfer of location of a Liquor License. Hearing to be scheduled and advertised.

A letter was received from the Town Planner relating to the subject of the restoration of Crystal Lake. Mr. Hart spoke on this subject and stated that the new bill for financing of this project was now being considered by the state legislature, and the progress to date on this new bill, was due in much part to the efforts of Representative Bruce N. Freeman and Representative Paul J. Sheehy, and he suggested that letters of thanks be sent to both of these officials . Mr. Hart stated also that he regretted that the new bill had not been filed a long while ago, but now we are able to look forward to some help under the new law. It was decided to ask in the letters to the state officials as to specifically the town has to gain under the new bill.

Discussion follows re: Crystal Lake Restoraction. Letters of thanks to be sent.

At 8:30 P.M. an appointment had been scheduled to confer with the Dog Officer, Mr. Frank J. Wojtas. Mr. Lannan then read aloud the contents of a letter which the board had received from Mr. Wojtas. The letter contained the resignation of Mr. Wojtas as Dog Officer to become effective on June 7th, 1972 or sooner, if possible. Mr. Humphrey commented that it was unfortunate that he had taken this attitude to not appear before the board, and to resign. He stated that perhaps he had not taken legal steps against owners of dogs where violations of the Leash Law had occurred because he does not want to hurt anyone's feelings, and he is reluctant to enforce the provisions of the Leash Law. Mr. Humphrey continued by saying that this is our loss. He asked if Mr. Wojtas would continue under other conditions, or does the board wish to advertise for candidates to apply for appointment. Mr. Hart stated that he, too, felt that this is most unfortunate and he stated that Mr. Wojtas is very capable, and has put in much extra time, and he had done his job in an outstanding manner and he felt the services given had been fantastic, and he takes the job very seriously, and he was very sorry about this. Mr. Markham also stated that he was very disappointed to hear of this resignation and he felt he had done an excellent job. He asked if the board would not want to prevail upon him to continue until a replacement is found and appointed. Mr. Lannan stated that he works long hours; that the job calls for a forty-hour work week, but the Leash Law is in effect for eighty-four hours per week; from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mr. Lannan stated that he in the past had suggested the hiring of an assistant under the EEA Program, but the board did not approve this suggestion. Mr. Lannan asked if the board wanted to inquire of Mr. Wojtas if he would agree to an extension of time to accomodate the board until a replacement is found. The board agreed to advertise for candidates to apply for appointment. It was agreed also to ask Mr. Wojtas to continue until the successor can be found. Then Mr. Humphrey explained that criticism had come about in the past of Mr. Wojtas and his connection with work to supervise the operation of a Cranberry Bog business, which did at times take him away from his Dog Officer duties, but much service had been given to the town by Mr. Wojtas during other hours of the day, evenings, weekends and holidays. Mr. Lannan asked if the board would agree to the setting up of a Job Description under the EEA Program for an assistant for the Dog Officer, and then to apply to the state for funding. On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members

Resignation received from Dog Officer. Board requests that Dog Officer continue until replacement is appointed. Board approves plan to file for funding under EEA Program for hiring of Assist. to the Dog Officer to approve the plan to have an Assistant to the Dog Officer established under the EEA Program. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board plan to meet in the near future with members of the Dog Leash Law Study Committee to discuss the entire subject. The board agreed that such a conference is now advisable.

Conference to be held with Dog Leash Law Study Com.

Contract awarded for purchase of Steam Cleaner.

A letter of recommendation was received from the Purchasing Officer, Robert E. Olson, regarding the purchase of a new Steam Cleaner. Bids had been received earlier. The recommendation stated that it would be advisable to purchase the product offered by the Zep Mfg. Co. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by all members present to award the contract for the purchase of a Steam Cleaner to the Zep Manufacturing Co. for price of $1,323.75, to concur with the recommendations of the Purchasing Officer and Supt. of Streets, provided the appropriation is sufficient to meet this cost. (Approp: $1,200.00. Actual cost of Equipment will be $1,145.00 and cost of Detergent to be $178.75, charged to Road Machinery Account.)

Board agrees not to award contract for Catch Basin Cleaner.

It was decided to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Officer and Supt. of Streets, and postpone action on the purchase of the Catch Basin Cleaner to allow additional time for investigation of the bid and equipment.

Board votes to adopt plan for future regional purchasing of road salt.

A report was received from the Purchasing Officer regarding information relating to the purchase of Road Salt for the Highway Dept. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the members present that the board should adopt a plan for regional purchasing of Road Salt with other near communities, to obtain the lowest possible unit price, and that the Supt. of Streets, should now notify the bidders of salt products that no action will be taken at this time on their bids received during April 1972.

Adm. Assist. for Drug Com. authorized to attend a Seminar.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by all members present to approve the plan to have Mr. Russell W. Kerr, Jr. Adm. Assistant to the Drug Abuse Study Committee, to attend a Seminar entitled "Institue on Youth and Drugs" to be held at Northeastern University Center in Boston from June 18th, thru June 29th, 1972, and that all costs will be paid from the EEA Training Funds.

Appointments made to Committee to Study Problems of Liquid Waste Disposal.

The board then discussed the subject of appointments which should be made to the Committee to Study the Liquid Waste Disposal Problems of the town authorized under Article 43A, as passed at the past Annual Town Meeting. Applications on file were read and discussed and various names of persons were considered. Then finally on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to appoint the following-mentioned persons; all to be Members at Large:

1. Richard B. Codling, 4 Santa Fe Road, 3. Mary C. Bradley, 26 McIntosh Rd.,
2. Richard Madden, 10 Marina Road, 4. Reginald M. Larkin, 102 Middlesex /St.

The Selectmen asked that the press give notice to the townspeople that the board would like to hear from other interested persons who might like to serve on this committee. Mr. Humphrey suggested that a letter be sent to the Conservation Commission to see if they would care to submit the name of a nominee to represent the commission on this committee. Mr. Humphrey also suggested that the board ask Mr. Joseph M. Gutwein to serve as Chairman Pro-Tem, and take steps to call the members already appointed to a meeting and to proceed with this important work. These suggestions of Mr. Humphrey were approved by other members of the board.

Report rec'd. re: Health and Zoning Problems. Subjects referred to Board of Health and Town Counsel.

A letter was received from the Bldg. Inspector relating to the written complaint filed earlier by Edward O. & Alice B. Dryden of 34 Proctor Road, against the owner of property at 26-28 Proctor Road, where Zoning and Health violations may exist. Mr. McHugh, the Bldg. Insp., reported that the subject of dumping at these premises had been referred to the Health Director and it was believed that the problem might have been resolved. It was decided to forward this informa- to the Board of Health to determine if the problem now exists, and if the violation continues, to offer the Board of Health the use of Town Counsel to assist in making needed corrections. It was decided to forward the entire subject to the Town Counsel to determine if new legal advice is needed on the subject of zoning violations, since the Bldg. Insp. did indicate that earlier advice from the previous Town Counsel may not suffice.

At 9:00 P.M. a conference was scheduled with Mr. Louis R. Rondeau, Supt. of Streets, Mr. Thomas W. Fuller, Draftsman for the Highway Dept. and Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald, Planner for the Highway Dept. Mr. Rondeau and Mr. Fuller were present and the conference commenced about 9:25 P.M. Mr. Grunewald was unable to attend. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new proposed Schedule for Waste Collections. Mr. Rondeau stated he had not had an opportunity as yet to study the schedule and he asked for additional time to check all the data. It was decided to postpone the continuance of this conference until Mr. Rondeau completes his study, and that he should inform the board when he is ready to discuss the subject further.

Conference re: new Waste Collection Schedule postponed.

A conference then followed with Mr. Louis R. Rondeau, Supt. of Streets, regarding the offer of Raymond A. Carye to the town for sale of excess loam which will be removed from proposed shopping center, between Chelmsford Street and the Penn-Central Railroad Property, and Manahan Street and Watt Terrace. It was explained that the loam will be stock piled and will be available for sale to the town for a reduced price and that the town must truck the loam from these premises to town-owned property for future use. Mr. Hart stated that bids should be received for trucking costs, and Mr. Lannan explained that funds must be provided by either the Town Meeting vote or from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to meet these costs. It was stated that cost estimates are now needed and Mr. Hart agreed to work out these details with the Supt. of Streets.

Discussion held re: purchase and trucking of loam offered to the town.

A letter, with petition containing an article for ReZoning of residential property to commercial shopping center district, was received from the Office of Attorney John Arenstam. Mr. Lannan read the article aloud and Atty. Arenstam requested that a Special Town Meeting be called for the near future. Mr. Lannan reported that this information was received on May 30th, 1972 and he asked if the board members would wish to act on the subject this evening. The board approved discussing the subject at this meeting. It was noted that there were many signers of the petition, which would require the board to call a Special Town Meeting very soon, and Mr. Lannan cited the law which provides the meeting be held within forty-five days. Then Mr. Hart moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the board call a Special Town Meeting on Monday evening, June 19th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. at the High School Gymnasium. Mr. Markham asked that the motion be amended to state that the meeting be held subject to a certification of the signatures on the petition, by the Town Clerk, so that evidence will be available that a sufficient number of valid signatures are on these documents. The board then voted unanimously on the motion, and the motion as amended.

Petition received for holding a Special Town Meeting. Selectmen establish date for the meeting.

The Bldg. Insp. forwarded a report of his investigation of parking needs at or near the postoffice on Alpine Lane, and he indicated that the problem to obtain additional parking space, under the provisions of the town by-laws, would be one for the owners of the land and building to resolve. Mr. Lannan offered to confer with the owners, Mr. Dumont and Mr. Parlee, to see what can be worked out, so that employees of the postal department and other persons will not need to park vehicles on Alpine Lane and cause problems for other merchants. Mr. Rondeau, Supt. of Streets, also reported that the work of lining the street to determine the boundary would be a long project for the Town Engineer as much work goes into such a project.

Discussion held re: parking needs at Postoffice Property.

A letter was received from the Building Inspector in which he asked the board to refer the subject of a possible violation of a new town by-law by owner of property at 189 North Road, where much fill had been placed, and which did damage to other property of Mrs. Robert LeDrew of 4 Gregory Road. The board agreed to this request and Mr. McHugh will be instructed to discuss the subject with the Town Counsel.

Town Counsel requested to render legal opinion re: new town by law for landfills.

A status report was received from the Housing Authority to inform the board of recent action of the Authority. Mr. Humphrey commented that he would like to commend the members of the Authority for this report, and he stated he was acquainted with the architect named in the report, and he has an excellent reputation and he would look forward to future reports from the Authority.

Report received from Housing Auth.

Petition received regarding complaints as to use of property for business operation. Board plans to meet with all parties involved.

A petition was received from various residents of Billerica Road, relating to the business use of property at 321 Billerica Road. The petition contained information relating to a number of complaints and that there might be a violation of the town zoning laws. It was decided that it might be advisable to hold a conference with the petitioners to discuss the subject on June 26th, 1972 at 8:45 P.M. Mr. Humphrey asked that a second inquiry now go to the Bldg. Insp. about this same subject to ask additional questions about possible zoning violations. He specifically called attention to the section of the zoning code which relates to Intensity of Use, and that there are regulations to control the use of side and rear yard areas. He explained that building supplies are being stored on the lot and he believed that the operators of the business must maintain the side yard requirements, and that this use is not permitted for storage of materials in side yard areas. The board agreed to make this inquiry.

Discussion held regarding need for additional information concerning operation of a Tourist Home at Vrouhas Property. Inquiries to be sent to Town Counsel and Board of Health.

A letter was received from the Bldg. Inspector to inform the board some of the past history relating to the building permits granted to Charles Vrouhas for property at 259 & 261 Littleton Road. Mr. McHugh recommended that the Town Counsel offer further advice as to the meaning and definition of "Tourist Home" as set forth in the Zoning Code. It was agreed that he should be permitted to seek this needed legal advice from the Town Counsel. Later in the evening, after Mr. Humphrey had an opportunity to read excerpts in the zoning code, he asked that the subject be discussed further. He read from parts of the by-law which referred to "Tourist Homes" and then read from past minutes of the meetings of the Selectmen, and specifically the statements of Atty. James Geary when a liquor license hearing was held. He then asked that two letters be sent out so that the board might learn additional facts about the use and licensing of tourist homes. He asked that one inquiry go to the Town Counsel to learn the duties of town boards relating to the operation and licensing of tourist homes, and to learn the regulations for operators to follow, and the rules for the registration of guests. He asked that a second inquiry go to the Board of Health to learn if a license for such a facility had been granted by the Board of Health, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 140, Sec. 32B, and if a public hearing had been held. He stated also that he had investigated the matter and he understood no license had been issued by the Board of Health, nor had a hearing been held, and yet the building permit, as issued, was for a Tourist Home, and it appeared now that the subject should be investigated completely. He said that it did appear from information on record, that permanent residents were living on these premises, yet the building permit called for residency other than a permanent status; such as a tourist home.

Various streets given final approval for Acceptance as Public Ways.

A report was received from the Supt. of Streets in which he stated that certain new streets, accepted at the Annual Meeting of 1972, had been completed and now meet the requirements of the town and satisfaction of the Supt. and Town Engineer. Mr. Humphrey then moved, seconded by Mr. Hart, that the board accept the streets where all work has been completed; namely: Berkeley Drive, Cove Street Extension, Dawn Drive, Stuart Road, and Windsor Street, and that Essex Place and Thomas Drive not be accepted until additional work is accomplished. A unanimous vote followed. It was agreed that the St. Supt. should be requested to forward information to the board when the latter two streets are completed.

Application received for Liquor License. Authorization given to advertise and schedule public hearing.

An application was received from John J. McEnaney and Donald F. Barry, d/b/a Middlesex Liquor Shop at 65 Middlesex Street, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License. It was stated that it now appeared that the application was complete. An earlier application was returned for corrections and clarification. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to advertise the application and set up a public hearing on the matter.

Member of Youth Center Study Com. appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to appoint Robert D. Hall as a member of the Youth Center Study Committee to represent the School Committee. This action followed receipt of a letter from the School Committee in which Mr. Hall was nominated for this appointment.

A petition was received from various residents of the town requesting that a public safety investigation be conducted by the town at property at rear of Cushing Place, and known as the Grain Mill. It was stated that the building, in its present condition constitutes hazards of several types. It was decided to forward the subject to the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector with a request that they determine what infractions might exist insofar as state laws are concerned.

Safety conditions cited re: Cushing Place Property

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to appoint Colonel Erwin T. Koch of 3135 Edgar Avenue, St. Louis Missouri, as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, per his letter of request recently received.

Honorary Chairman od Board of Selectmen apptd.

Mr. Markham spoke about the need for the town to adopt a regulation to control the filing of articles for town meeting action shortly after the voters had not approved same at a previous recent town meeting. He suggested, and then moved that the board have the Town Counsel prepare an article to read where a proposed zoning change is defeated at the Annual or a Special Town Meeting that it shall not be allowed before a subsequent town meeting for at least a period of one (1) year.Mr. Humphrey advised the board to ask the Town Counsel if such an article, as proposed here tonight, would be legal. Then Mr. Markham amended his motion to ask the Town Counsel to determine if such a by-law would be legal, and if so, to develop the proper wording and insert in the Warrant of the coming Special Town Meeting. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was voted by all members present. Mr. Lannan commented that this might be in conflict with state laws.

Legal Opinion to bd obtained to restrict Town Meeting Artocles

Mr. Markham then proposed that the board consider placing an article before the voters at the coming Special Town Meeting to increase the salary amount for the Dog Officer. He stated he felt such a consideration should be made now that the board will be looking for a replacement for Mr. Wojtas. Mr. Markham moved that such an article be included in the warrant, and that the sum to be presented would be based on the recommendation of the Personnel Board and Finance Committee, and to establish a full-time assistant to the Dog Officer. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the board postpone action on this matter until the report is received from the Dog Leash Law Study Committee. Mr. Lannan indicated he was not in favor of the proposal at this time for various reasons. Then Mr. Lannan asked if any member wished to second the motion. No one did so, and the motion failed. Mr. Humphrey commented that without proper preparation on this subject, the board might encounter serious difficulties, as had occurred at the Annual Town Meeting when the annual salary appropriation was nearly defeated. A long discussion followed and finally Mr. Markham asked that the board reconsider the matter but the board did not respond to his request.

Article for funds for Dog Officer not Approved.

Mr. Markham asked that a memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Doody to see if he would want an article prepared for the Special Town Meeting concerning the Youth Center. It was decided that this reminder should be made up.

Article mAY BE PLANNED for Youth Center.

Mr. Markham then referred to the memorandum to the Street Supt., which he had attempted to discuss with the board earlier in the evening. He then explained that he had asked that a request go to the Supt. on two minor matters and he eventually learned that two members had placed a "Hold" on the memo of May 8th, and he asked why this was done. Mr. Humphrey stated that he noticed that an investigation had been requested, and he felt such matters should come before the board as a whole. Mr. Lannan stated he wanted to know more about the subjects involved. Mr. Humphrey then said he noticed also later that three members had finally approved sending the memo to Mr. Rondeau, and he congratulated Mr. Markham on gaining this approval from the majority of the board members, and he could not see that there was really a problem. Mr. Markham commented that this was a routine request, and it did not seem necessary to stop the memo from moving to the Supt's Office, and he asked if it was not a coincidence that it was held up since the May 8th meeting when a discussion was held regarding the members being bitter. It was then explained by the board members that an understanding

Discussio held re: memos to the Highway Dept.

Discussion regarding instructions to Highway Department

had been reached earlier whereby the requests to the St. Supt. would go from the board as a whole, and not from individual members. A long discussion followed, and members were speaking at the same time and confusion ensued. Finally Mr. Humphrey asked that a poll of the members be taken this evening to determine if any of the members are bitter. Mr. Humphrey then asked each member if "You are bitter?" Mr. Lannan answered "No." Mr. Hart answered "No." Mr. Markham answered "Not this evening, " and Mr. Humphrey stated he was not bitter.

Then the meeting opened up for questions by the reporters. Several questions were asked.

Meeting Adjourns

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Jurors Drawn

On May 31st, 1972 the following-mentioned persons were drawn for Jury Service by Mr. Lannan:

1. Albert J. Cicco,	6 Longview Drive,	for Superior Court, East Cambridge.
2. Roger H. Hamlin,	191 Robin Hill Road,	" " " " "

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Warrant issued for Dog Officer.

On June 8th, 1972, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, signed the Annual Warrant for issuance to the Dog Officer to Kill Unlicensed Dogs, with the Dog Officer's Return, as required by law.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, June 12th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters Present.

Reporters present were as follows:
1. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:20 P.M.
3. Prudence Brighton of the Lowell Sun arrived at 8:35 P.M.

Each reporter remained at the meeting until time of adjournment.

Conference to be held with Moderator to discuss vacancy to be filled on School Bldg. Comm.

It was decided to schedule a conference with the Town Moderator, Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., on Monday evening, July 10th, 1972, commencing at 8:00 P.M. to discuss the appointment of a member to the School Building Committee, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Patrick W. Vaughan. The board decided that such a conference is advisable to determine how many candidates had been considered for this appointment.

Approval given for culvert repairs and/or replacement on Proctor Road.

Mr. Paul C. Hart stated that he had received information that there is need for repairs and/or the replacement of a culvert under Proctor Road, near property of Ralph E. House and that Mr. House had offered to do this work at no expense to the town. It was stated that a written offer would be received from Mr. House. It was decided to approve the offer and to await receipt of the letter, after which the board will give final approval and information about this matter to the Street Supt.

Meeting schedule adopted.

The July 1972 meeting schedule was adopted. Meetings will be planned for Monday July 10th, 1972 and Monday, July 24th, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8th, 1972, as amended.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15th, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22nd, 1972.

Minutes of three past meetings approved.

It was decided to take no action to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 30th, 1972 in order to allow the members more time to read the material.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting postponed.

The board then discussed the subject of Group Health Insurance for town employees. A letter was received and read from the Insurance Advisory Committee recommending that the board approve the plan, as presented by the Blue-Cross and Blue Shield Company, and to suggest that the board seek information from Mr. Robert E. Reilly, of the New England Group Trust, Inc., and/or the Reliance Insurance Co. since Mr. Reilly had offered to submit a proposal for this type of coverage. Mr. Hart moved that Mr. Robert E. Reilly be authorized to submit a proposal for Group Health Insurance, so that the board might learn what this company can offer. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously. It was noted that Mr. Welch, Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, had informed the board that the town could cancel the Blue Cross contract with a thirty-day notification period, and that the town is not bound to purchase the insurance for the entire year, in the event the offer from Mr. Reilly should be more beneficial to the town.

Authorization given for submitting of Group Health Insurance Proposal.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve the writing of a renewal of the contract with the Blue-Cross and Blue Shield Company for the period July 1st, 1972 through June 30th, 1973, for Group Health Insurance coverage for town employees and that the Coordination of Benefits Program be adopted and accepted, and the adoption for benefit changes as outlined in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield proposals dated May 23rd, 1972 and as contained in two letters received. Mr. Markham commented that it was unfortunate that the expiration date of this contract is so close at hand, and he suggested that the Insurance Advisory Committee attempt to secure bid proposals whenever possible.

Selectmen approve various conditions re: writing of a new contract to renew Group Health Ins.

A recommendation was received from the Police Chief relating to appointments to be made for three Permanent Patrolmen, per a Civil Service List received. The board decided to take no action on this subject at this time. Mr. Hart asked that the Police Chief furnish the board with further information about the matter, since one of the candidates, who indicated that he was willing to serve, had been passed over. The other board members concurred with Mr. Hart's request and an inquiry will now be forwarded to the Police Chief.

Inquiry to be sent to Police Chief re: appointment of Patrolmen.

A letter was received from John & Dorothy Catalano, of 3 Dawn Drive, in which they informed the board that proper drainage of their property had not been installed when the house was built, and now conditions had resulted with a polluted brook in their back yard. It was decided that the subject should be forwarded to the Board of Health for their investigation inasmuch as the complaint appears to involve a health problem.

Inquiry re: problem of polluted brook to be sent to Health Dept.

Mr. Lannan announced that Mr. Thomas W. Fuller, the Map Draftsman for the Highway Department, and hired under the Emergency Employment Act Program, had resigned, effective June 7th, 1972. Mr. Markham suggested that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mr. Fuller for his work and contribution to the establishment of the Planning and Drafting Office. This suggestion was approved by the board members.

Map Draftsman for EEA Program resigns.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant permission to the South Chelmsford Village Improvement Association for the use of an Outdoor Loudspeaker for their Annual Fair on June 24th, 1972 all day as requested.

Outdoor Loudspeaker use approved.

Bldg. Insp. requested to study subject of outdoor signs which are in violation of Zoning By-Laws.

A letter was received from the Building Inspector in which he informed the board that of seventeen outdoor advertising signs, inspected by him and the Planner for the Highway Department, only one met the zoning by-law requirements of the town. Mr. Humphrey asked that an inquiry now be sent to the Bldg. Insp. to ask what steps he will now take to remove such violations. He also asked that the inquiry call attention to the fact that some of the older billboards might come under a "grandfather" clause which would perhaps make them legal, and if this is the case, that he advise the board if they can remain.

Street Light requests rec'd.

Survey for Street Lighting to be made.

A letter was received from Miss Eleanor Parkhurst of 51 Acton Road, in which she asked that the board consider the installation of street lighting on three streets; High St., Acton Road and Maple Road. It was decided to add this information to the Street Light List and to forward instructions to the Planner for the Highway Department to make the survey for the board and to forward written information as to suitable locations for street lighting for new streets accepted at the 1972 Annual Town Meeting and the various miscellaneous requests. The board agreed to this plan.

Town Counsel authorized to represent majority of Selectmen at Appeal Hearing by state ABC Agency.

Mr. Lannan read correspondence relating to a notice from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission to announce that the hearing regarding appeals of certain applicants against the Selectmen and relating to the granting of the liquor license to East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc. will be held in Boston on Tuesday, June 20th, 1972 at 11:30 A.M. Mr. Humphrey moved that the board forward all the documents relating to the various applications under appeal to the Town Counsel and to request that he represent the majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Doody seconded the motion. Mr. Markham asked who would represent the minority members of the board. It was stated, in reply, by the board members that they would represent themselves. Mr. Markham asked if this is a confirming action of the board, and did instructions go out to the Town Counsel earlier. Mr. Humphrey answered in the affirmative. Mr. Markham then commented that the instructions had already gone to the Town Counsel. Mr. Lannan stated that it is true the documents had been sent, but he did not instruct the Town Counsel to represent the board. Mr. Coburn explained that the information had been sent so that the work could commence. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote, and the majority of the board, (four members) voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Markham voted against the motion, and indicated he was opposed.

Conference with members of Home Rule Advisory Committee to discuss aims and objectives.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Home Rule Advisory Committee and those present included Mr. William R. Murphy, Chairman, Charles L. Mitsakos and Michael J. Devine. The subject discussed was the aims and objectives of the Home Rule Advisory Committee. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the committee study state legislation and assist the board by informing them of the aspects of the legislation. He said he hoped the new committee will revitalize the work, and he hoped the committee would make recommendations to the board about the new bills. He suggested that the state Senator and Representative be contacted for assistance from time to time. He also stated that local legislation should be studied and recommendations made. Mr. Hart stated that the Selectmen need information on the work being done at the state house. Mr. Doody commented that bulletins from the Mass. League of Cities & Towns do not describe the proposals in detail and the Selectmen need assistance to obtain these details. Mr. Humphrey suggested that requests now be sent to the Mass. League of Cities & Towns, Mass. Selectmen's Assn. and the state Dept. of Community Affairs, to have bulletins mailed out to our Home Rule Advisory Committee. The board approved this suggestion. Mr. Mruphy stated that the committee members wanted to study the procedures to obtain facts for the Selectmen and other town boards and he suggested that the Home Rule Committee be a focal point for this material. Mr. Murphy asked if his committee should go directly to the other boards for data, or should they go through the Selectmen. The Selectmen offered approval at this point for the Home Rule Committee to make direct contact. Mr. Murphy stated that copies of letters, etc. would be forwarded to the Selectmen. Mr. Humphrey suggested also that the Home Rule Advisory Committee prepare legislation to the assist the town, and he also asked that the Selectmen be furnished with copies of their minutes of meetings, and he offered them the use of the Selectmen's meeting room at the Center Town Hall Then the conference ended at 8:20 P.M.

A report was received from the Conservation Commission in which a list of names of property owners was given where Hatch Act violations had occurred. Mr. Hart suggested that the Conservation Commission, in the future, first contact the owners of property about these violations and explain the subject to them so that they will be more adequately informed prior to receipt of any state Cease & Desist Order. Other members concurred with this suggestion. Mr. Humphrey spoke about the specific case involving the property of Capitolina Dias Avila and he suggested that the Conservation Commission be informed in detail about this entire matter, as the changes involved, a subject of emergency nature and that drainage problems were so severe that the town had to take corrective steps, as the developer of homes in the immediate area of Pilgrim Road, had not provided a proper outflow of a brook. He stated that the order from the state to the Avila family was most unfortunate and the Conservation Commission should be requested to confer with the Town Counsel for information purposes only, to learn all the facts about this case. The board, however, commended the Conservation Commission in their work on this general subject to date.

Suggestions to be forwarded to Conservation Commission re: procedures to be followed for Hatch Act Violations.

Mr. Doody requested that the Conservation Commission investigate a problem of drainage at foot of Princess Avenue and Crooked Spring Road and that a culvert is being used for drainage to a wetland area, and then to Stony Brook. It was agreed that this request should go to the Conservation Commission.

Drainage problem cited.

At 8:30 P.M. a conference was held with members of the Chelmsford Art Society and those present included Mrs. Marie J. Geary, President, Russell F. Barry, and Geraldine I. Frazier. The conference was held to determine if there might be a suitable location available that the society could use for its needs. Mrs. Geary stated that she was not certain of the present use of the olf school house building at the rear of Forefathers' Cemetery, and that she had conferred earlier with officers of the Chelmsford Historical Society and learned that they had hoped to use the building as an old school house museum, but these plans never did actually materialize. Mrs. Geary stated that the Art Society did need a place to display their works of art and to have a building available for selling of arts and craft items. She said she had not been inside the building and did not know the conditions of same. Mr. Lannan explained that the town is presently hard pressed for space, for offices and for storage, and that the Park Department are presently using the old school house building for storage of their equipment and supplies. Mr. Humphrey then told the Art Society members some of the background information pertaining to past uses of the building, and that even the Council on Aging had inquired about the use of the building for the Senior Citizens. It was explained that much work must be done to make the interior of the building comfortable and presentable; that it is a building for storage use now. Mr. Humphrey stated that since the North Town Hall is no longer available, there are fewer places which can ben used. He then suggested that they make use of the Center Town Hall for storage needs, and that the Selectmen's meeting room be used for displaying art works. Mrs. Geary stated that the Society will consider this offer, to use the Selectmen's Office for a display area, and the Center Town Hall to store equipment now housed elsewhere. She asked what the procedure would be for use of the old school house property in the event the Park Department would no longer make use of the building. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Art Society submit an article for Town Meeting action to see if the voters will authorize them to use the property. Mr. Lannan suggested that the board's files containing correspondence about such procedures, for an article, be made available to the Society. Then the discussion involved the placing of equipment here at the Center Town Hall and/or the old school house building. It was agreed that the board would offer their cooperation to store equipment at this building if it becomes advisable by the Society.

Conference held with members of Chelmsford Art Association re: need for building to display art works and for storage of equipment.

A letter was received from Atty. Marshall L. Field who inquired about the status of a complaint of Mrs. Robert LeDrew against his client, Mr. John Sutherland of 189 North Road. It was decided to inform him that the subject is presently before the Town Counsel for a study.

Inquiry rec'd. re: Landfill complaint.

Request rec'd. for a Sunday permit to operate a Garden Center.

A request was received from W. T. Grant Company, located at the East Gate Shopping Center, for permission to operate a Garden Center Shop for a period of eight Sundays, from Sept. 3rd, 1972, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Mr. Humphrey asked that the request be forwarded to the Police Chief for his recommendations. The board agreed that this should be done. Then Mr. Markham suggested that the letter be forwarded to the Building Inspector regarding the status and present use of this Garden Center Building and the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws insofar as its use is concerned. Mr. Humphrey stated he would not agree to have this done, since this is a temporary structure. A discussion followed and finally Mr. Markham moved that a letter be sent to the Bldg. Insp., with a copy of his letter of April 22nd, 1972 to the Selectmen, to state that a certain structure does exist, and is being used for retail sales, and to ask that in view of this fact, that he further review his memorandum of April 22nd, to the board, to determine if certain parking requirements are needed for such a structure and to report to the board in writing. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and concurred with the suggestion. Mr. Doody asked that the motion be amended to ask "Is this a structure under the by-law?" Mr. Humphrey asked then to add an amendment to the motion to also ask "and if there is a violation of the Town Zoning By-Laws relating to the structure. Then a unanimous vote followed on the notion and both amendements.

Questions to be asked of Bldg. Insp. re: Garden Center Building.

Hearing conducted on application of James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License.

At 9:00 P.M. a Public Hearing was held on the application of James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster d/b/a Chelmsford Village Liquor Mart, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License, at 5 Summer Street. A tape recorder was used to obtain a complete record of the testimony. Mr. Lannan read aloud the application as advertised, and he outlined the procedures to be followed in conducting the hearing. He asked if the applicants were present. Mr. James N. Wooster, Jr. replied that he and his wife were present. Then Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Wooster to speak and explain the application which he had submitted. He stated that his name is James L. Wooster, Jr. and he resides at 9 Highland Avenue, in North Chelmsford. He read from a prepared statement as follows:

"I'm the applicant for this All Aloohoolic Beverage Package Store License. I have here a petition signed by twenty-nine of the residents of the area that is the subject of the application, namely 5 Summer Street in Chelmsford I would like to take a moment to tell you a few things about myself that I feel should be taken into consideration in your consideration of this application. I have been a resident of Chelmsford for over twenty years. My wife, and co-applicant here, is the former Bobbi Bell, a life-long resident of Chelmsford. I have been employed by the Drum Hill Liquor Mart for nearly six years now, in a capacity of an Assistant Manager. You may note that this is a particularly busy package store. We have run a very, very clean place up there. We haven't had any violations since it was started. And we have accomodated many people by providing a service which they need. I have, in the course of that six years, learned all aspects of the package store business from the buying of the beverages to the selling of them, to handling of customers and customer complaints, mechanical aspects, and so forth. I would like to suggest to the board that this location is ideally suited for this license, inasmuch as it is not directly on the mainstream of traffic, so that problems generated by traffic are not increased, and because it is very centrally located to the townspeople of Chelmsford. I would further submit to the board that my credentials as I have explained them to you and as can be verified, are such as to give this board assurance of my integrity, of my responsibility and of my concern for our town. I would like at this time to submit to the board a letter from my employer." Then Mr. Wooster presented the petition and letter from his employer to the board. Mr. Lannan asked if the abutters had been notified. Mr. Wooster replied they had, but one letter was refused. Then Mr. Lannan read the letter from the employer of Mr. Wooster and the petition was read, and the names of the signers were read. Then Mr. Lannan read the affidavit certifying that the abutters had been properly notified. Then a Mr. O. Eric Gronberg, Jr., of 27 Sandra Drive, spoke and asked about the names to whom the official notices were sent. It was stated that the names of abutters would be checked out with the list sent with the letter of instructions. Mr. Stephen Stanvick of 5 Rivermeadow Drive, spoke and commented that the signers of the petition were not abutters. Mr. Lannan then read a letter from

from the Building Inspector with respect to the subject of parking requirements and availability of same at this location. Mr. Hart asked if the plans of the builder are available. Mr. Wooster replied they were, and then he described to some extent facts about these plans. Mr. Hart commented about the parking plan and the location of same. Mr. Humphrey inquired about the building plans and the time when the facilities would be available. Mr. Wooster stated that they can be in within five or six months. Mr. Humphrey asked if there is now a need for Planning Board action, and is the planned area zoned for this type of operation. Mr. Wooster stated that he understands that all clearances have been given. Mr. Humphrey asked if the license were granted, what will your operation be. Mr. Wooster stated that it would be similar to that of the Drum Hill Liquor Mart, Inc., and it would be a self-service mart, and he would hire employees, and he would personally manage the store, and there would be a tight-ship operation. Mr. Humphrey asked if this would be a full-time operation and Mr. Wooster replied that it would be an owner operated type of business. Mr. Doody asked about the proposed location of the building. Mr. Wooster stated that it would be below and past the present law office building. Mr. Doody asked if there was anything at this location yet and Mr. Wooster stated there is nothing there yet. Mr. Doody inquired if this business would be the principal livelihood for Mr. Wooster. Mr. Wooster stated definitely it would be. Mr. Markham asked if his wife would be associated with him in the business. Mr. Wooster replied that she would be the silent partner. Mr. Markham asked if she would be an employee. Mr. Wooster stated perhaps she would be. Mr. Markham asked if he planned to resign from the Drum Hill Liquor Mart store. Mr. Wooster stated yes, he would. Mr. Humphrey asked if there were any representatives from the developers present at the hearing. A moment of silence elapsed, and there was no response. Mr. Humphrey stated he had hoped to have the developer answer several questions relating to what the complex would be like in its entirety, and the estimated valuation and estimated total cost. Mr. Markham asked the names of the developers and if they are present. Mr. Wooster stated that the developers are Stephen D. Wojcik and Arnold S. Katz. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Wooster if he had been involved in any liquor license violations while associated at his present employment. Mr. Wooster stated that there had been no violations. Mr. Humphrey asked Mr. Wooster if he was acquainted with the General Laws, Chapter 138, of the Liquor Control Act and if he understood the full responsibility of this type of operation. Mr. Wooster replied in the affirmative. Then, as the board members did not have further questions, Mr. Lannan invited comments from those other persons attending the hearing. Mr. Domenic Romano, of 11 Rivermeadow Dr., spoke and stated that he was neither for nor against the application, and the applicant does appear to be qualified, but he did comment that the abutters being notified have the biggest impact. He continued by saying that the developers have been quiet as to the intent and use of the area, and the abutters are deserving of all information and plans of the developer. Mr. Humphrey commented that the state law sets the requirements for such matters. Then Mrs. Ann Leach of 1 Tollcross Road spoke and she asked a question about the proposed location of the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc. and she commented that the area is not a location where it is necessary to have such a store, as there are children in the area, and she stated she felt it was not advisable for a store to be located at this location, and she stated she objected to the granting of this license. (Then a new tape was installed in the recorder.) At this point it was about 9:30 P.M.

Hearing conducted on application of James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A Wooster, for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

Inasmuch as the board were not on schedule with the appointments of the evening, and a hearing for another liquor license application was scheduled for 9:30 P.M., Mr. Hart moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey that the hearing for application of the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., James C. Harrington, Manager, be opened and then temporarily adjourned until later in the evening, at the conclusion of the Wooster License Application Hearing.

Hearing opened and adjourned for Liq. License Application.

Hearing continues on the application of James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster for issuance of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License.

Then the hearing for the Wooster Application resumed. Mr. Robert A. Weagant of 9 Rivermeadow Drive commented that the hearing was premature without plans of the building and traffic. He stated he objected to the granting of the license. Mr. Lannan explained that the Selectmen were acting only on the license application and the building plans were subject to the approval of the Building Inspector. He then read portions of the Liquor Control Act to clarify this aspect. Mr. Weagant then said the Selectmen can defer action. Mr. Lannan further explained that the Selectmen must act within thirty days, according to the governing state law. Stephen R. Stanvick of 5 Rivermeadow Road, asked if the Selectmen will act on this liquor license application without the impact of a traffic problem. Mr. Lannan stated that the board will base its decision on all of the information that comes before the board. Mr. Stanvick further stated that there will be more congestion resulting if the license is granted. He said he opposed the granting of the license and he was against the application because of the lack of plans, and that an anticipated traffic pattern is needed. Mr. Lannan stated again that the building plans are within the scope of the authority of the Building Inspector. Then Mrs. Nancy S. Ovitt, of 7 Rivermeadow Road, spoke and she cited the traffic problems, and she protested the granting of the license. Alfred W. Ferry of 14 Brook Street, spoke and stated he was not against liquor licenses but he did want details as to the measurements of the facilities. Mr. Lannan then gave more details about the law requirements. Mr. Ferry then asked if the board realized that Mr. Wojcik, one of the developers, is a member of the Planning Board. Mrs. Ann Leach of 1 Tollcross Road, stated that she felt the board should seek advice from the Town Counsel regarding a possible conflict of interest insofar as it pertains to Mr. Wojcik, as developer, and as it applies to him as a Planning board member, and the making of a profit. She commented that she did not see how he could sit in overall judgment on the development and she felt it would be difficult for him to be objective. Mr. Lannan stated that if a complaint comes to the Selectmen, the board would ask the Town Counsel for a determination and for information from the Planning Board. He stated further that the request must be made in writing with the details of the complaint. At this point Mr. Humphrey volunteered to assist persons with such questions in mind, stating that he would ask the board to make such an inquiry of the Planning Board member. Then Mr. David F. McAndrew of 224 Dunstable Road spoke and said he favored the license. Mr. Robert P. Ladow of 10 Rivermeadow Drive, spoke and said he opposed the license without the plans being available. Ronald C. Isemann, of 13 Rivermeadow Drive stated he was opposed to the license. Mrs. Lynda D. Jones of 8 Tollcross Road stated she also objected to the license and she added that the present valuation of the residences nearby is high, and there would be a depreciation of value of the homes. She also stated there would be traffic and pollution problems. Then John C. Harrington of 145 Boston Road stated he was strongly opposed to the license for obvious reasons. Richard Perham of 261 Riverneck Road, suggested that it would be best to spread out the locations of liquor licenses. Mr. O. Eric Gronberg, Jr. of 27 Sandra Drive, commented that the Selectmen should consider the lack of planning, and who will be the financial agent, and when will the land and building be available. He further stated that this case is similar to the Matt Doyle license request, inasmuch as an elected town official is involved. Mr. Lannan explained that this case is not similar, as Matt Doyle was an elected official and one of the applicants, and in this case, Mr. Wojcik is not one of the applicants. Robert J. Armstrong, Jr. of 43 Old Stage Road stated he was opposed to the license and he questioned the distance set forth on the application to a playground. He also asked about the finances of the applicant and he then commented on the fact that the applicants reside at an apartment house owned by a Mr. McGeown, who is related to the Lannan family. He asked if Mr. Lannan would withdraw from acting on this matter if there is a conflict of interest. Mr. Lannan replied that if he withdrew from town business matters, involving persons he knew, he would not be able to serve on the board, and he had been elected to this post. A spectator, not identified, made a comment at this point to the effect that this might be good. Later the person apologized to Mr. Lannan for the remark. Then Mrs. Leach questioned the distances between the proposed store and the Living and Learning Center on Boston Road. Mrs. Ruth K. Delaney, of 14 Evergreen Street, stated she would object to this license since there would be two such stores close together, and this would be similar to conditions which exist in her neighborhood. Mr. Lannan then asked if there were any other persons who would like to speak on this subject. There was no response. Then Mr. Lannan closed the hearing at approximately 10:00 P.M. and the board indicated they would take the matter under advisement.

At 9:30 P.M. a Public Hearing was scheduled for a Liquor License Application request for the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., James C. Harrington, Manager, for transfer of location of license to sell alcoholic beverages, from the present address at 37 Central Square to a new location at 18 Boston Road, The hearing was opened and then adjourned during the Wooster Liquor License hearing. The hearing finally commenced at about 10:00 P.M. A tape recorder was used to obtain a record of all testimony. Then Mr. Lannan read the application aloud and informed those persons present of the procedures to be followed in the conducting of the hearing. Mr. Lannan asked if the applicant or his attorney are present. Atty. Robert P. Sullivan came forward and stated he would represent the applicant. He then presented the affidavit to the board, containing evidence that the abutters had been properly notified. He explained that the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc. had been in business since 1948, at first for sale of wines and malt beverages, and then later to sell alcoholic beverages. He said there were no violations, nor complaints, under the earlier license. He stated that James C. Harrington is the manager, and since 1961 he has held an All Alcoholic Package Store License, and also since then there have been no convictions, no violations and no complaints. He explained that the present store is small, for both displays and storage and the selling area is about twenty feet by twenty feet, and they have approximately 500 sq. ft. of area in the rear for storage purposes. Mr. Sullivan then displayed a plan of the expanded shopping center for the Purity Store Properties and he explained the location of the proposed Harrington store. He stated the new store would be considerably larger, with about 3,620 sq. ft., and this would be about four times the size of the present store and this will make possible the carrying of a larger inventory. He said that occupancy of the new premises might be during Sept. or October of 1972, but that no lease had been signed as yet, and if the license transfer is approved, a five-year lease will be executed. Mr. Lannan asked in which direction will the building extend and Mr. Sullivan replied that it would extend toward Summer Street. Then Mr. Lannan read a report received from the Building Inspector relating to the availability of parking facilities which he described as adequate. Mr. Hart asked a question about the access entrances to the area from Boston Road. Mr. Sullivan displayed the plan at the table of the board to show this information. Mr. Hart then asked about the service entrance locations, and Mr. Sullivan pointed them out on the plan. Mr. Hart asked about the sales and display area size for the new store, and Mr. Sullivan said it would be about seventy-five per cent of the store. Mr. Hart asked if there would be one front entrance and Mr. Sullivan stated there would be one, and one service entrance in the rear. Mr. Hart asked about the location of the cash register in the store. Mr. Sullivan explained it would be close to the exit area and to the right. Mr. Humphrey asked that the applicant speak, and describe the proposed operation to the board. Then James C. Harrington addressed the board and said that presently he has three steady full-time help on duty and three spare employees and this would be the same for the new store. Mr. Humphrey asked if the selling hours would be the same and Mr. Harrington replied "yes." Mr. Humphrey asked if the developer is present. Mr. Sullivan stated that they did expect Mr. Hannaford to attend but it appeared he is not here. Mr. Humphrey asked about the cost of the new building. Mr. Sullivan answered that he had no information about the cost. Mr. Doody then asked if the store had been at the same address since 1961 and if there had been no violations. Mr. Sullivan replied "yes" to both questions. Mr. Doody asked about the connection of Mr. Katz and Mr. Wojcik in this matter, and why were they notified as abutters. Mr. Sullivan stated that the names were contained in the list from the Selectmen's Office, and he had investigated the matter and could not find them as owners of abutting property. He presented the list of names for the board to examine. Mr. Markham asked about the earlier license for wines and malt beverages. Mr. Sullivan stated that from 1948 to 1961 there was such a license in force and from 1961 to the present time an All Alcoholic license had been in effect.

Public
Hearing
conducted
on the
application
of Chelmsford Wine
Shop, Inc.,
for transfer of location of
store from
37 Central
Square to
18 Boston
Road.

Hearing continues on the application of Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc for transfer of location from 37 Central Square to 18 Boston Road.

Mr. Markham also asked if there would be any changes in the corporate structure due to this transfer and Mr. Sullivan replied that there would be none. Mr. Lannan at this point inquired if there were any abutters present. No one responded. Then Stephen Stanvick of 5 Rivermeadow Drive stated that he had no basic objections to the license transfer of location and he said he noticed with interest that there is a plan shown now to indicate roads and entrances relating to traffic patterns and needs, and he asked why the Selectmen had now shown this particular interest, for this license application, and not for the application of Mr. Wooster earlier this evening. Mr. Hart stated that as far as he is concerned when a plan is available, he would check same. Mr. Lannan stated that board must take all information into consideration which comes before them. Mr. Stanvick repeated that he was not opposed to the license transfer. Mr. Ronald C. Isemann, of 13 Rivermeadow Drive, asked why Mr. Hart had inquired about the location of the cash register. Mr. Hart replied that he felt this, in his mind, was an important factor, and he wanted information about it. Mr. Eismann stated he hoped the board would consider the economic impact of this request. Mr. Lannan asked if there were any persons present who wished to speak in opposition. No one responded. Mr. Lannan asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor. William J. Hennessy of Misty Meadow Road, spoke and said he was not an abutter and he hoped the Selectmen will give consideration to the transfer of this license rather than the issuance of a new license. He stated also he could see no problem to the abutters and the area. He said he was definitely in favor of the transfer of this license. Robert A. Bennett, 38 Bridge Street stated he was in favor of the transfer. Richard Perham of 261 Riverneck Road, stated that a change in the location of this store would be helpful to the town. Frederick C. Dillon of 5 C Street, said he favored the transfer. Robert A. Weagant of 9 Rivermeadow Drive, stated the Selectmen should set traffic patterns for this area, and he indicated he was uncommittee as far as a recommendation is concerned on this matter. Mary B. McNally of 163 Dalton Road said she favored the license transfer. Arthur F. Smith of 273 Littleton Road also said he favored the change. Then Mr. Lannan asked if there were any other persons who wished to speak in favor, or in opoosition or did anyone have any questions. No one spoke at this point. Mr. Lannan then closed the hearing at 10:30 P.M., and the subject was taken under advisement.

Discussion held regarding Planning Board Subdivision and access road planned onto Turnpike Road. Subject to be investigated.

Mr. Doody then asked the board if they would approve discussing the subject of a petition relating to a Planning Board subject and which involved an access road of a developer onto Turnpike Road, and that persons were present who are interested in this subject. Mr. Doody moved to have the subject taken up out of order. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. Mr. Lannan then read the letter of explanation which accompanied the petition and which had been presented to the board by Mrs. Linda A. Green of 1 Hickory Lane. Mr. Green ex= plained the subject and described the planned route of the road, and he suggested that the developer should reverse the plan and have the exit onto Billerica Rd. instead of Turnpike Road. It was stated that a hearing before the Planning Board had been held and they are presently studying the subject, and they might possibly favor changes. Mr. Green stated that children should be considered as the new access road onto Turnpike Rd. would bring additional traffic. He stated that an effort should be made to take traffic away from a residential area. Mr. Humphrey suggested that Chairman Lannan confer with the Town Engineer to learn the status and recommendations about this subject, and to confer with the Supt. of Streets, the Fire Chief and the Board of Health as they are all concerned with this matter and a report is needed, from the Town Engineer and the Supt. of Streets on this subject for June 15th, 1972. Mr. Lannan agreed to contact these officials to learn more about the subject.

Letter of inquiry to be sent to Planning Board Member re: question of Conflict of Interest.

Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the board approve his request to send a letter of inquiry to Mr. Stephen D. Wojcik, a member of the Planning Board, to ask that he furnish the Selectmen with written information as to his part in the development of property at Summer Street, where a liquor license location had been applied for, and to determine if a conflict of interest might exist, insofar as his interest is concerned in this property, and as a member of a town elected board. Mr. Doody seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously. The board asked further that he disclose his interest in this development and clarify the matter to the board.

A legal opinion from the Town Counsel was then read by Mr. Lannan, and which contained information that the town could not legally adopt a by-law to restrict the acceptance of petitions for town meeting articles when the subject had come before the voters at a recent prior meeting, inasmuch as such a by-law would conflict with existing state stautes. Mr. Markham commented that it was unfortunate that the voters must be faced with such repeated requests.

Legal Opinion re: restriction on acceptance of town meeting articles rec'd

Mr. Lannan read a letter received from the Dog Officer who stated he would be willing to continue to serve until is successor is appointed to accomodate the board. Mr. Lannan reported that Emergency Employment Act funds would be available for the psotion of an Assistant to the Dog Officer, if the present job title, formerly approved for Keypunch Operator, is changed to the new position. It was also stated that an effort was underway to determine if a truck can be obtained for the work of the Dog Officer. Then Mr. Humphrey moved, seconded by Mr. Hart, to change the classification from a Keypunch Operator to that of Assistant to the Dog Officer. A unanimous vote followed.

Dog Officer will continue to serve until successor is appointed.

Position of Assist. Dog Officer planned under EEA.

A letter was received and read from Atty. James T. Curtis, in answer to an inquiry of the board, relating to the notification of abutters to property located at the East Gate Shopping Center, where a liquor license had been approved. Atty. Curtis reported to the board that the subject had been studied and they had concluded that Richard O. Lahue, Jr. was not an abutter to the premises proposed for the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc. Mr. Humphrey then spoke and stated he would like to refer to statements of erroenous reporting in the Lowell Sun, issue of June 9th, 1972. He spoke of two subjects which he said he read in the newspaper which are in error; one being the reference that a letter from the Board of Assessors was read at the Selectmen's Meeting two months ago. He said this is untrue, as the letter was received on May 25th, 1972, and the second point of error stated that the state law stipulates that the Selectmen shall provide the applicant with a list of abutters. Mr. Humphrey emphasized that this is not correct, as the applicant must obtain this information himself, and he read excerpts from the General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 15A. He explained that in the past the Selectmen's Office had, as a courtesy, and help, to the applicants, provided information but they are warned to carefully check the data to determine that all present abutters are notified, and that all responsibility in this matter rests with the applicant. Mr. Humphrey stated further that the applicant, in this case, had not reason to deliberately not notify an abutter, and he commented that there had been sufficient notice in the press about the application and the particulars about the subsequent hearing. He stated that, in his opinion, Richard O. Lahue, Jr. may have been encouraged to instigate the complaint that he had not been property notified, and this is an interesting aspect of the case. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that Richard O. Lahue, Jr. be informed that the Selectmen not approve the request of his attorney to cancel the license granted to the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., on his claim that he was not properly notified of the application and hearing, and that the following-mentioned reasons be given: 1. Per letter received from the Office of the Board of Assessors which indicates, in their opinion, Mr. Lahue is not a direct abutter to the premises at 286 Rear Chelmsford Street; 2. Per letter receifed from the attorney for the applicant which indicates, that in their opinion, he is not an abutter, and 3. That Mr. Lahue, if he does not agree with this decision, has the opportunity to appeal the matter to the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and that he be referred to the Liquor Control Act, Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws. Mr. Doody seconded the motion. At this point Mr. Markham asked various questions about the motion. Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion. and the motion passed by majority vote with Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan voting in favor. Mr. Markham voted in opposition. Mr. Doody asked why Mr. Markham voted in opposition and he replied that he felt there was evidence of common ownership of the properties at East Gate Shopping Plaza and because of this Mr. Lahue should be considered an abutter. Mr. Hart stated that he could not see any evidence to support Mr. Lahue's claim.

Applicant for Liquor License offers opinion re: status of abutter.

Selectmen vote not to approve request of resident to cancel liquor license for East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc.

Permission granted for use of Outdoor Loudspeaker and Center Town Hall facilities for July 4th Celebration.

A letter was received from the Fourth of July Committee in which they requested that permission be granted to them for the Use of an Outdoor Loudspeaker and for use of the Center Town Hall facilities during the annual celebration. Action was taken by the board as follows:

1. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to grant permission for the use of outdoor loudspeakers on July 3rd, 1972 from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and on July 4th, 1972 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Center Town Hall and Common areas.
2. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey it was voted unanimously to grant permission for the use of the Center Town Hall facilities on July 3rd, 1972 from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and on July 4th, 1972 from 6:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Contract awarded for purchase of a Catch Basin Cleaner for Highway Dept.

A letter was received from the Purchasing Officer with recommendations for the purchase of a Catch Basin Cleaner for the Highway Department. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to award the contract to the Stedt Hydraulic Crane Corp. for sum of $5,620.00, per recommendations of the Purchasing Officer and Supt. of Streets. It was stated that this bid was the second low price, and the equipment of the low bidder did not meet our specifications.

Permission granted to Firefighters & Associates to conduct a Carnival.

A letter was received from the Chelmsford Firefighters & Associates, Inc., requesting permission to conduct a carnival on land opposite the High School on North Road, for period from June 26th, 1972 through July 1st, 1972, from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and from 1:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on Saturday. Mr. Hart moved that permission be granted subject to the approval of the Police Chief. Mr. Markham seconded the motion and requested that the motion be amended to include a provision that the fireworks display, if planned, not be held later than 10:00 P.M. A unanimous vote followed on the original motion and amendment.

Inquiry re: Builders Risk Insurance forwarded to Ins. Adv. Com. and School Bldg. Committee.

An inquiry was received from Mr. Peter N. Brown of 23 Cathy Road, who is employed at Obrion, Russell & Company of Boston, an insurance agency, to ask if the board would authorize him to prepare a bid proposal for Builder's Risk Insurance Coverage for the new High School. The board decided to forward the subject to the School Building Committee and the Insurance Advisory Committee for their study and recommendations, and to instruct each committee to contact Mr. Brown for such an estimate, if it appears appropriate to do so.

Letters to be sent to legislators to support veto of a senate bill.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to forward letters of request to Sen. Kevin B. Harrington, Rep. David M. Bartley, and Sen. Ronald C. MacKenzie to ask that they vote to sustain the veto of Gov. Sargent, relating to Senate Bill No. 1288, an act providing for compulsory and binding arbitration of labor disputes in municipal fire departments.

Application for Liquor License to be advertised and hearing scheduled.

An application was received from the Chelmsford Country Club, Inc., John Thompson, Manager, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Common Victualer License, to be exercised at 66 Park Road. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted to advertise the application and schedule a public hearing for same, provided that the documents are found to be in order by the Adm. Assist.

Traffic recommendations approved for School St. area.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to adopt the recommendations of the Police Chief, for making certain improvements in road and traffic conditions for the School Street area from Graniteville Road to Main Street, to overcome various hazards, and to forward the information to the Supt. of Streets so that these plans can be implemented. At this point Mr. Doody asked that instructions be forwarded also to the Supt. of Streets to ask that loose gravel be removed from School Street at Monument Hill Road. The board approved this suggestion.

Application to state DPW approved for School Zone

On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to approve the application for establishment of a school traffic zone, at the Westlands School, and forward same to the state Department of Public Works. Other applications for other school areas had been sent earlier, but the one for the Westlands School had been overlooked.

A letter was received from Mr. Edward H. Hilliard, a member of the Board of Registrars, in which he inquired about the legality of a contract made by the former Town Clerk for a three-year period to have printing work done for the Registration Department, and that the contract had been signed by Mrs. DeWolf as Treas. & Tax Collector. It was stated that explanatory information about this matter would be submitted by Mrs. DeWolf and it was decided to not seek any legal opinion from the Town Counsel at this time, and to await the receipt of further information.

Registrars inquire about legality of printing contrac

A letter was received from the Recreation Commission rearding several subjects, all of which are mentioned as follows:

1. The name of a nominee, Alfred M. Woods of 11 Radcliffe Road, was given to fill a vacancy on the commission. On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Alfred M. Woods as a member of the Recreation Commission. (Term exp: 3/1973.)
2. Information was submitted that the estimated cost to theft-proof the old West Chelmsford Fire Station, where the commission equipment will be stored in the future, will be from $100.00 to $150.00, per estimate received from Mr. Peter J. McHugh, Jr. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to approve this work of theft-proofing the building and to authorize Mr. McHugh to proceed with the work.
3. That the Recreation Commission are most interested to obtain loam and gravel for their playground areas, if such material becomes available to the town.
4. That a problem of mail delivery has existed and they would hope it can be resolved.

Member appointed t Recreation Commission.

Old West Fire Station to be theft-proofed.

Recreation Commission interested in use of loam.

Recreation Commission mail problem cited.

Mr. Lannan asked that the board approve a plan to have locks installed on doors to the Planning Office in the basement area of the Center Town Hall to protect the equipment and supplies. The board approved having this work done.

Door locks to be installed for Planning Office

The Chairman asked the board members if they wished to take any action this evening on two liquor license applications; namely that of James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, and the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., Mr. Hart moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, on Monday evening, June 19th, 1972, after the Special Town Meeting to be held at the High School Gymnasium adjourns. Four members, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan voted in favor. Mr. Markham opposed the motion and voted against it. Meeting to be held for license decisions only.

Special Meeting to be held, to act on liquor licenses.

Mr. Humphrey then called the board's attention to a serious drainage problem which had developed at lower end of Larssen Circle. He then moved that information about this subject be forwarded to the Supt. of Streets, to tell him that it appears that too much water flows into this area from several areas, including state highway land at Route 495, and that the Supt. of Streets should contact state highway authorities for advice as to a solution to the problem, and for further advice as to recent flooding conditions the Supt. of Streets should contact Mr. John W. Sargent of 14 Larssen Circle or Mr. James J. Kerrigan of 12 Larssen Circle, and that a report about these conditions, and his recommendations to correct the problem, should be forwarded to the Selectmen in writing, together with all results of his investigation. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Drainage problem on Larssen Circle to be investigated.

On a motion by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to appoint Russell W. Kerr, Jr., of 7 Ansie Road, as the Alternate Representative to the Greater Lowell Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Program, Inc., d/b/a Share. (Term to expire: 3/1973.)

Alternate Member appointed to "Share."

Mr. Doody gave a report of progress forthe Youth Center Study Committee and their work on the Couumnity Center Project. He stated that conferences have been held with Mr. Nystrom of the Nashoba Vocational School. Floor plans were shown and Mr. Doody stated preliminary cost data is now available

Report given re: Community Center.

Plans outlined for Community Center Project.

and that an estimate of $47,000.00 had been given for the cost of the project. Mr. Doody stated that Mr. Russell W. Kerr, Jr. was working on this project with Mr. Doody and Mr. Nystrom. Also he stated that details will be put together for a presentation at a future special town meeting.

Inquiry to be sent to Bldg. Insp. re: Tourist Home or Motel.

Mr. Doody requested that a second request be forwarded to the Building Inspector regarding the background information of a tourist home or motel at property of Charles Vrouhas at 259-261 Littleton Road. Mr. Doody explained that answers to various questions, asked previously, remain unanswered and the information given appeared to pertain to recent permits and new construction, and that information had not been provided about an older building which had been on the premises perhaps as long as ten years. The board agreed to this suggestion and the inquiry will be sent.

Request made for report of Plans for installing Paper Racks on Trucks.

Mr. Markham asked about the status of making of truck racks for Waste Collection vehicles for recycling of paper. Mr. Lannan stated that the plans for racks on the front of the vehicles had not been approved by the Registry of Motor Vehicles and plans for a second designed rack for side of the vehicle is now in the planning stage.

Request made for Legal Opinion re: Landfill Operation. Board votes not to approve request.

Mr. Markham asked that an inquiry be forwarded to the Town Counsel to learn the status of the town's case against Paul M. Sullivan of 78 Stedman Street. Mr. Markham stated that there is now a "sold" sign on the property where land fill violations had occurred and he asked what the present status would be of this case, and what will be done to remove the fill, and will the sale of the property change the factors involved. Mr. Humphrey suggested that Mr. Markham contact the Town Counsel personnally, and thus avoid the necessity of obtaining a written legal opioion and the subsequent cost. Mr. Markham still asked for a status report and then he moved that the Town Counsel provide same. (Records do not show who seconded this motion.) Mr. Lannan called for a vote of those in favor and Mr. Markham voted for the motion. Mr. Lannan called for those opposed and Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan voted in opposition.

Cost estimates to be prepared for work to be done near the Garvey Pond and at Locke Road.

Mr. Markham then read the correspondence received from the Supt. of Streets regarding his investigation of the drainage problems at the Garvey Pond. Mr. Markham asked that cost estimates be obtained for this work, and he moved that the Supt. of Streets provide such information for replacement of the box culvert and repairs to the depression in the road. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Letter of thanks for road repairs read.

Mr. Markham also read correspondence which had been received from residents of Galloway Road, to thank the board for the work done to make recent needed repairs.

Questions asked by reporters.

Then Mr. Lannan asked if the press reporters had any questions about the business of the evening. Several questions were asked and answers given.

Meeting adjourns.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 A.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AH Coburn
Adm. Assist.

License Granted.

On June 15th, 1972, the board granted a Temporary Wines and Malt Beverages License to the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club, at 160 Mill Road, for a social event to be held on July 1st, 1972. Fee: $0.50.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AH Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, June 19th, 1972; 10:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

The meeting was held at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting at the High School Gymnasium. There were about thirty-five persons present and the meeting was conducted in the larger meeting room in the upstairs Center Town Hall. The meeting was called for the specific purpose of acting on two liquor license applications; namely, James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, d/b/a Chelmsford Village Liquor Mart at 5 Summer Street, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License, and for Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., James C. Harrington, Manager, for transfer of location of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License from 37 Central Square to 18 Boston Road.

Purpose for which meeting called.

Newspaper reporters were present as follows:
1. Gus Webster, of the Lowell Sun.
2. Jerry House, of the Chelmsford Sentinel.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford
Each reporter was present during the entire meeting.

Reporters Present.

Mr. Lannan opened the meeting by stating the purpose for which the meeting was called and that this will not be a hearing on the merits of the applications, and that the only action to be taken would be the decisions of the board in these two liquor license applications. Mr. Lannan read the application of James N. Wooster, Jr. and Robert A. Wooster, including the description of the premises. Then he asked for comments of the board members. Mr. Hart declined to speak on the subject at this point. Then Mr. Humphrey spoke and stated that in order for him to make a decision in this matter he would look for the qualifications and experience of the applicant, and if this had been demonstrated he would favor the application. He said he would looke to the record of past performance, and if this is good, it would serve as criteria in my mind. He further stated he would give the location consideration, and consider the abutters and business operations nearby, and the traffic, and residential property would be considered, and all applications would be considered insofar as parking is concerned. He said that these qualifications had been met. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the license be approved and that the board act favorably on it, and for the following-mentioned reasons: That the experience of the applicant had been demonstrated, that the background of the property is favorable, there would be no traffic problem, that the Summer Street Extension By-Pass now exists, and this would help to expedite traffic, the location is zoned for this type of business operation and had been previously accepted, it would not be detrimental to nearby property, and would not be harmful to residents, and they are not located near these premises, and there would be no parking problem, and this approval shall be subject to the issuance later of a license provided all local Zoning and Building By-Laws are met. Mr. Doody asked that the motion include a proviso to grant the license but not to issue same at this time. Mr. Humphrey agreed to this suggestion, and then Mr. Doody seconded the motion. Mr. Doody then cited the reasons for his support of the motion. He stated that the area is zoned for a business use. He explained that the board has received two liquor license applications where the premises are close together; one for Summer St. and one for 18 Boston Road, and he expressed the thought that, in his opinion, there has been an attempt to overcome the first application of Mr. and Mrs. Wooster, by filing the Chelmsford Wihe Shop, Inc. application three days later, and this was an attempt to limit competition by the latter applicant. He said, in secording the motion, he would grant the license, but not issue same, until approval is received from the state ABC. Mr. Lannan asked if there were further comments. Mr. Markham asked if there is a stipulation in the motion that it be issued, only if the town by-laws are complied with. Mr. Lannan replied that it probably could not be issued until all requirements are met. Mr. Markham asked if it could be issued otherwise. Mr. Lannan replied probably not. Then Mr. Markham asked that the Chairman read the

Board votes to approve All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License for James N. Wooster, Jr. & Roberta A. Wooster d/b/a Chelmsford Village Liquor Mart.

contents aloud of the letter received from the Building Inspector relating to the parking requirements and parking facilities proposed. Mr. Lannan then read the letter aloud. Mr. Markham asked that a record of this letter in its entirety be placed in the minutes. There was no objection to Mr. Markham's request. (Letter contents follow:)

"Board of Selectmen
Center Town Hall,
Chelmsford, Mass.

June 12, 1972.

Attention: Mr. Gerald Lannan, Chairman.

Dear Gerry:

This is concerning your letter of a one James L. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, d/b/a the Chelmsford Village Liquor Mart at 5 Summer Street where a proposed shopping center will be constructed. There has been no proposal, as definitive plans sent before the Planning Board of said town or approval by the Board of Health or any accepted plan thus far sent to any Board in said town. In my opinion, as Building Inspector of said town, there is no way for said petitioners to conform to the Zoning by-laws of said town concerning the parking situation.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) Peter J. McHugh, Jr.,
Peter J. McHugh, Jr.,
Building Inspector."

PJM/vml

Selectmen vote to grant All Alcoholic Retail Package Goods Store License to James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, d/b/a The Chelmsford Village Liquor Mart.

Mr. Lannan then called for a vote on the subject. He asked for those who approved the motion to now vote. Three members voted in the affirmative; they being Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan. Mr. Lannan asked for those who opposed the motion to now vote. Two members voted in the negative; they being Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham. Mr. Lannan, at this point, cited his reasons for favoring and he read from some prepared notes, listed as follows:

"As I have stated previously, regarding other applications that have been submitted, I am of the opinion that new licenses should be granted in commercial or shopping center complexes, to give the enterprise some reasonableness of success because of the high amount of potential customers in the area, plus the ease of protection by our protective departments (police and fire). Therefore, I am voting in favor of this applicant, knowing that the conditions of compliance with the town by-laws must be met before the license is issued."

Mr. Hart then cited his reasons for denial of the license. He stated that the applicant is a very qualified man, but there is no evidence of who is going to build the shopping center, and the granting of the license will tie up the last license the board can issue. He stated further that the licenses should be spread more evenly throughout the town, and that one is needed in the South section of the town. Thus he said he felt he would have to oppose the granting. Mr. Markham spoke and offered his reasons for opposing the granting of the license. He explained that his opposition had no bearing on the applicant, that the applicant appeared to be well qualified and with excellent background. He explained that the problem is with the location, and there is not sufficient parking facilities and he felt they would be inadequate. He said also there are no complete plans for the complex, and he was not aware of all the building plans, and he said he would take exception to the comment made about the Summer Street Extension by-pass and that this will allow further traffic to go through a residential area, where several of the abutters had objected. He said that no further congestion should go through these residential areas. He said also there is no indication of financial responsibility and the proximity to another such store is very close. He said there is no equalization of distances of these licenses and there is a lack of planning in the area. He concluded by saying these are my objections. Then the board concluded its business with respect to the Wooster Liquor License Application.

Mr. Lannan then asked the board members if they wished to act on the application of the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., James C. Harrington, Manager, for a transfer of location from 37 Central Square to 18 Boston Road. Mr. Hart moved to approve the transfer. He stated his reasons for this approval and explained that it is quite obvious to him about the character of the applicant, and that Mr. Harrington had rendered a great service to the townspeople, and his record is excellent. He explained further that now there are traffic problems in Central Square due to the growth of the town, and it would be beneficial to the town and its residents to move the store to a shopping center. Mr. Markham seconded the motion and stated that he would like to comment on aspects of the application and to speak in favor. He stated the existing shopping center of the Purity Company is an area where the applicant wishes to re-locate and where the shopping area is being expanded. He said Mr. Harrington has an excellent record with an All Alcoholic License since 1961 and a Wines and Malt Beverages License from 1948 to 1961 and there have been no violations in twenty-four years, and the plan to move the present store would help to relieve a traffic problem. He said, in conclusion,that there were no objections heard when the hearing was conducted. Mr. Lannan then called for a vote and asked those members who approved the transfer to now speak. Mr. Markham and Mr. Hart voted in favor. Mr. Lannan asked for those who opposed to speak. Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan then voted against the motion. Mr. Doody offered his reasons for voting in opposition and he stated that the Chelmsford Wine Shop has been at its present location for several years, and on May 22nd, 1972 the application was received from Mr. and Mrs. Wooster, and then, three days later, the application was filed by the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., and yet they had much time in the past in which to relocate. He stated it was his opinion that the reason for the filing of the application to relocate was to forestall the granting of a new license, and therefore he could not vote for the transfer. Mr. Humphrey spoke and stated he would concur with the statements of Mr. Doody and he would concur with the statements of other board members that the character of the applicant was excellent. But, he said, in light of this recent action to file an application to transfer the location of the store, he felt this was a move in desperation by the applicant, due to the fact that there was a possibility of a new store license being in this area. Mr. Humphrey continued by saying that if the applicant has another location in mind, which would be favorable to me, I would consider voting to approve same. Mr. Lannan stated that he would give his reasons for not voting for the motion and he read from a prepared written statement as follows:

> "Having previously voted in favor of the Wooster application, I could not not now vote in favor of the transfer of this license. In my consideration of the Wooster license, I had to consider the fact that this application was presented to this board within days after the Wooster application was made known. I can only assume that this application was made in an effort to persuade the board to vote in favor of the transfer and against the Wooster application. Further, it occurred to me that while it may be legal for an attorney to represent a client, for a transfer of a license, while an appeal is pending on an action taken by this board, on an application, on which it was shown that he is part owner. I can only assume that this in some way ties into the effort to persuade the board to vote in favor of the transfer and against the Wooster application; therefore retaining one license still open. In the event the ABCC as a resultof the appeal, returned the Doyle application for further consideration. While it may be legal, to me, it is not acceptable."

Selectmen vote to not approve a transfer of location of the Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., from 37 Central Square to 18 Boston Road.

Then Mr. Humphrey moved to adjourn and this motion was seconded by Mr. Doody, and voted unanimously. The time of adjournment was 10:55 P.M. approximately.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, June 26th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Doody was unable to be present due to vacation schedule. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters Present.

Reporters present were:
1. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:20 P.M.
2. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:23 P.M.
3. Martha Proudfoot of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:35 P.M.

Map Draftsman Appointed.

The Selectmen approved the appointment of William P. Ducharme of 182 Westford Street, as Map Draftsman for the Highway Department, under the Emergency Employment Act, to be effective June 28th, 1972, at monthly salary rate of $666.66.

Use of Center Town Hall Approved.

Use of the upper meeting room of the Center Town Hall was approved for the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen for Wednesday, July 5th, 1972, from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for monthly muster.

Use of Outdoor Loudspeaker approved.

Permission was granted to the Fourth of July Committee for the use of a Loudspeaker on Sunday, July 2nd, 1972 for the Bugle and Drum Competition to be held at the High School, commencing at 2:00 P.M.

Conference planned with Moderator and nominee for appointment to School Bldg. Comm.

It was decided to request the Moderator, Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr. to plan to have Mr. Lewis Murray, the nominee for appointment to the School Building Committee, accompany Mr. Coughlin to the conference planned with the Selectmen for Monday evening, July 10th, 1972, at 8:00 P.M., so that the Selectmen may meet Mr. Murray.

Bids to be called for Fire Dept. Equipment.

A letter was received from the Fire Chief, Frederick H. Reid, requesting that advertisements be inserted in local newspapers for the call for bids for the Purchase of a new motor for a 1957 Maxim Fire Engine. The Selectmen approved the request and the bid opening was scheduled for July 10th, 1972 at 7:45 P.M.

Conference with Fourth of July Com. Member re: Drum & Bugle Competition.

A short conference was held with Mr. James Gifford, of the Fourth of July Committee, to offer information about the coming Bugle and Drum Corps Competition planned for July 2nd, 1972. He asked for the support of the board members and the townspeople for this event. Two members of the St. John's Colonial Girls Drum & Bugle Corps were present, dressed in their corps uniforms, and photographs were taken to depict sale of tickets, for publicity purposes.

Discussion held regarding events that took place at state ABCC Hearing concerning Liquor License Appeals.

At 7:40 P.M. a conference was held with the Town Counsel, Clement McCarthy, to discuss the subject of the hearings held before the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission on Tuesday, June 20th, 1972, and to determine what steps the board should or should not now take. Mr. Lannan gave a report of the events at the hearing before the ABCC and he referred to the various applications which were discussed; namely those of East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., Charles Vrouhas, d/b/a the Hi-Way Farm Market, Ted's Market, Inc., Julia Chianis, Manager, and Matt Doyle, Inc., Charles F. Mannion, Manager, and other applications which were not directly concerned with the ABCC hearing. Mr. Lannan stated that the Town Counsel had been invited to attend the meeting to advise the board as to future procedures which he felt should be followed. Then Mr. Lannan read from prepared notes as follows:

"Before we enter into the business before us in this folder, I will report to the board the happenings at the hearing held by the ABCC on June 20th. This hearing, as you know, was held as a result of the appeal of Charles Vrouhas, Julia Chianis, Matt Doyle, and also the appeal of Mr. Lahue, regarding his being an abutter and not being notified in the case of East Gate Liquor Mart. I have asked our Town Counsel to be here tonight for two reasons. The first; he represented the majority of the board who had voted in favor of the East Gate License and the majority of the board who had voted denial to those applicants who had appealed to the ABCC. Mr. McCarthy will be of valuable help to me in recalling the happenings of the hearing and may correct, corroborate, or change as he sees fit my report on this hearing. The second reason I have asked the Town Counsel to be present is to offer to this board his suggestions, recommenda-

Statement of Chairman regarding events that took place at state ABCC Hearing concerning Liquor License Appeals.

tions and advice as to how we should proceed now that the hearing has been held. I would hope that his advice will be twofold, first; what our legal rights and responsibilities are, and secondly; what would be best in the spirit of the instructions of the ABCC. While we may feel that the ABCC may take discretionary action based on their experience and knowledge of the general statutes, I do not believe that this board has such discretionary powers and, therefore, I believe, we should be guided by the law, and the legal opinion of our town counsel, if we are relieved of any portion of the law by the ABCC, or if any waiver is required, then, I believe, we should have such in writing from the ABCC. Now then let me proceed. I state to you, the members of this board who were not at the hearing that the ABCC did not rescind any liquor licenses that this board, as a majority, granted, nor did they direct this board to take any action whatsoever. They did state that they would return the application of the East Gate LiquorMart without action after hearing, and for further action by this board of Selectmen, with regard to their decision of Mr. Lahue, being an abutter. Further they specifically wanted it known that they found no fault with this board's actions nor did they find fault with the applicants action regarding Mr. Lahue. They, utilizing their discretionary power, declared that in their opinion, Mr. Lahue was an abutter; in fact at the outset, one commissioner stated Mr. Lahue was not an abutter and then later changed his mind on the insistance of the other commissioner, Mr. Turner. The ABCC stated they could not, nor would they direct the local licensing board to do anything; they would only suggest and the local board could accept the suggestions or ignore them, as they saw fit. Mr. McCarthy asked the commissioners if it would be permissable if the local board went along with the commissioners suggestion to hold all the hearings on one day and to make this decision on each applicant in the order of the hearings held. The commissioners thought this a good idea, and stated this is what they would like to see. This was not the suggestion of the commissioner nor was it a suggestion of any member of this board. It was a question that Mr. McCarthy asked of the ABCC. The communication from the ABCC has been received. It does not contain the suggestions that were discussed at the hearing. I felt, as I am sure the Town Counsel felt, that the communication from the ABCC would contain the results of the hearing and the suggestions discussed." Then Mr. Lannan read directly from the official communication received from the ABCC, to emphasize and clarify for all to understand, the exact reading of the notice. "I'm disappointed. I called the ABCC office this afternoon at 3:00 P.M. but could not talk to either the commissioners or Mr. Nelson. They were tied up on other business. I did talk with Mr. George V. Nelson, Secretary to the ABCC at 3:40 P.M. and inquired if the Board of Selectmen would receive any other communication regarding the hearing and suggestions made by the ABCC. He said we would not; that all suggestions were made verbally and publicly and were a matter of record. The Board of Selectmen could act according to the suggestions. I inquired if a record of the hearing could be obtained. His reply was, "yes", but a transcript would take some time and would have to be requested in writing. Based on what we have received, I believe this board must now consider the following:

1. Based on the verbal decisions rendered by the ABCC that Mr. Lahue is an abutter, we can by motion and vote rescind the action taken by this board in granting an All Alcoholic Beverages License to the East Gate Liquor Mart and accept applications for this license.
2. We can at the discretion of the board (the local licensing authority), accept the applications of those whose applications were disapproved, the statute states.
3. We can rescind the action taken by the board on the Wooster license.
4. We can advertise the fact that the Town of Chelmsford has two additional All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses available and that the Board of Selectmen will receive applications in its office on (certain day) during hours of (state hours) and schedule hearings on those applications received.

We cannot refuse to accept any application properly filled out and submitted

to us before or after the filing date set by us. The law does not provide for exceptions. If applications are received prior or after the set date and time, we must act accordingly to the time frame established by the statute. I would now ask the Town Counsel for his opinion and advice."
Mr. McCarthy stated that the ABCC appeared reluctant to give advice, and he explained their thoughts on the subject of notification to Mr. Lahue. He also stated that in the letter of denial to the various applicants, that a mention should have been made that another license is available. Then he explained his suggestion for making plans for a one filing date and he said that one of the ABCC commissioners approved this approach. Mr. Lannan added that he had asked the ABCC for a definition in writing of the word "abutter" insofar as it relates to liquor license applications, and he said the request was not approved. Mr. Hart commented that without the guidelines, we need assistance, and he asked the board members if we should now hold off for receipt of a court hearing transcript. Mr. McCarthy stated that he felt that no written guidance will be contained in the transcript but Mr. Hart stated he felt the information contained in a transcript would assist the board. Mr. Lannan stated that without Mr. Doody being present, he would recommend that action be postponed until he is present, and that Mr. Doody should be here to vote on any rescinding action. Mr. Hart stated that he would agree to this suggestion and to wait for the transcript. Mr. Lannan further suggested that the board should now request the ABCC for the transcript. Then Mr. Markham stated that he was present in behalf of the minority of the board, and he said he was not disappointed in the proceedings, as Mr. Lannan had been. Mr. Lannan at this point protested the remark of Mr. Markham, stating that he was disappointed for the evidence presented was insufficient. Then Mr. Markham continued, by saying that the concrete directions may not come from the ABCC, and that he had walked with the ABCC and they had indicated to him that the board should not look for advice and suggestions. Then Mr. Markham spoke on the procedures which the ABCC had suggested, and he commented that we do not need further concrete suggestions. He said that he would like to see action on this matter this evening, even though Mr. Doody is on vaction, and he reminded the board that he (Mr. Markham) is presently on vacation, too, and he arranged to be at this meeting. He said the majority of the board members should act on the information available. He said the ABCC had recommended that all license applicants be allowed to refile and start the process all over again. Mr. Markham then asked if the notices for the Wooster granting and the Harrington denial had gone to the ABCC. Mr. Coburn replied that they had not, and he stated that certain board members were not satisfield with the wording contained in the letters, and a request had been made to hold the letters. Mr. Markham then asked that the letters be sent, and he added that no gain will be forthcoming to wait for the transcript. Mr. Markham then moved that the two letters be sent to the ABCC on June 27th, 1972, as presently written. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan stated that he wanted to read the letters first before they are mailed. Mr. Humphrey then spoke of the three-day requirement to notify ABCC after a decision had been made, and that this requirement had not been found in the law as yet. Mr. Markham cited the requirement as set forth in Section 16B of the Liquor Gentrol Act. and he read same. Mr. Coburn stated that he had not read the citation. Then Mr. Humphrey said he would not approve the motion of Mr. Markham, but he would present a motion to rescind all action including the Wooster and Harrington decisions, and he cited his reasons for this suggestion, based on the notice from the state agency. Mr. Markham again spoke on the two letters of decision and the reason for the delays in mailing. Mr. McCarthy concurred that the law gives a mandate for notification to ABCC within three days, and he recommended to the board that the letters go forward, and let the ABCC return the letters, if they so desire, and that the board should involve the ABCC in the decision. Mr. Lannan stated he would vote on the motion if certain changes are authorized. Mr. Markham aeked what the changes would be and Mr. Lannan stated he would not list these now. Mr. Markham protested, and he again requested the letters go forward as presently typed, and he said he felt strongly about the matter that the board should act now, and to cancel the licenses already issued and not to act on any available licenses. At this point Mr. Lannan called for the vote on the motion of Mr. Markham, which was re-read for Mr. Humphrey by Mr. Coburn. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham. Mr. Lannan voted in opposition.

Discussion continues regarding events that took place at state ABCC Hearing concerning Liquor License Appeals.

Mr. Humphrey then spoke and stated that since the action of ABCC is lacking on the cancellation of the license for the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., he would now suggest that all previous actions of the board, including those relating to the Wooster and Harrington licenses be rescinded and that the board should consider the receipt of applications later. Mr. Humphrey at this point moved to have the board take action to rescind all previous decisions relating to liquor licenses, including the recent Wooster license and the recent request for transfer of the Harrington license. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Markham stated he felt the Harrington transfer request should not be a part of this vote. Mr. McCarthy stated that this action is premature, expecially on the Wooster case. Mr. Lannan expressed the thought that Mr. Doody should be present to act on such a motion, and he asked that this fact be mentioned in the records. Mr. Markham asked the Town Counsel if he could foresee a serious problem that could arise by taking this action, or did he feel the action proper. Mr. McCarthy answered by saying that he felt the motion is a lesson in futility, but the ABCC should be involved and he concluded by adding the motion is premature. Mr. Markham stated that if a letter would come from the ABCC on the Wooster license, then he could support the motion later to cancel all licenses. Mr. Lannan called for the vote and Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Hart and Mr. Lannan voted in favor and Mr. Markham opposed the motion. Mr. Markham explained that he was not opposed to the motion but on the advice of the Town Counsel he felt he would prefer to wait. Then the board on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham voted by the majority present to instruct the Town Counsel to make a written request to the ABCC for a transcript of the proceedings of the hearing of June 20th, 1972.

Discussion continues regarding events that took place at state ABCC Hearing for Liquor Licenses. Town Counsel to obtain transcript of hearing. Board votes to rescind all previous action re: liquor licenses

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was scheduled with members of the Dog Leash Law Study Committee, but the conference did not commence until 8:45 P.M. and was held in the outside meeting room to accomodate the number of persons and visitors present. Members of the committee who attended were Willian L. Ary, Chairman, Carl Seidel, Elizabeth S. Baartlett, Roanne Center and Beatrice E. Beaubien. Mr. Lannan explained the reasons why the meeting had been called and he said he hoped that the committee would be able to come to the Selectmen with recommendations to improve the enforcement of the by-law, and to make it more effective. Mr. Hart concurred and stated that the board needed information and suggestions for the enforcement of by-law requirements. Mr. Ary gave a report of the work done to date by the committee and he stated that it was quite evident that an adequate staff and salary scale are needed. Mr. Lannan cited the plans for an Assistant Dog Officer, to be funded under the EEA program, and that it was hoped that the appointee would commence within the near future, and that efforts were now underway to have a special vehicle made available. Mr. Humphrey explained the reasons why Mr. Frank Wojtas had resigned, citing the fact that he did not want to spend time in court, and that he does have another position, and he had done a fairly good job in the past. Mr. Humphrey stated that the Selectmen now need the benefit of the results of the study of this committee. Questions were asked as to the other incomes of the Dog Officer and Mr. Hart explained that also there are expenses pertaining to this work; all paid by Mr. Wojtas. Mr. Markham commented on the existing law and present salary scale and the need for recommendations. Mr. Seidel asked if any persons had applied for this position and Mr. Lannan replied that one application had been received. Mrs. Bartlett stated that it might be advisable to advertise for applicants to apply through the newspapers and Mr. Lannan replied that this has already been done. Mr. Humphrey stated that there might be a zoning problem for a new dog kennel or dog pound; that Mr. Wojtas did have a variance granted in the past, and he asked if the committee would be willing to interview the applicant and make their recommendations to the board. The committee members indicated their approval of this plan. Mr. Markham suggested that the committee confer with the present dog officer, Mr. Wojtas, and Mr. Ary replied they had already done so. Then the name of a nominee, for appointed to the Dog Leash Law Study Committee was given by Mr. Ary. He stated that Mr. Howard D. Woon of 10 Ranch Road, had offered to serve. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to appoint Mr. Woon. Then the conference ended.

Conference held with members of the Dog Leash Law Study Committee.

Public Hearing conducted on application of Donald F. Barry and John J. Mc Enaney for liquor license.

Application withdrawn.

At 9:15 P.M. a Public Hearing was conducted on the application of Donald F. Barry and John J. McEnaney d/b/a Middlesex Liquor Shop, at 65 Middlesex Street, for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store License. The hearing was held in the larger hearing room. Numerous persons were present. A tape recording was made of the proceedings. Mr. Lannan read the application and asked if the two applicants were present. Both Mr. Barry and Mr McEnaney acknowledged the inquiry of the chairman. Mr. Lannan then explained the past events of a hearing before the state ABCC on June 20th, 1972 and the action of the board earlier this evening to rescind all previous action concerning liquor license applications, and he explained that the Selectmen are now receptive for Mr. Barry and Mr. McEnaney to withdraw their application without prejudice, if they cared to do this. Mr. Barry stated that the applicants would agree to withdraw their application without prejudice. Then Mr. McEnaney also spoke and he concurred with the statement made by Mr. Barry. Mr. Humphrey then moved to accept the request of the applicants; Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted by the members present. Adv. charges: $34.25

Selectmen forward all information re: possible conflict of interest problem to Town Counsel.

Mr. Humphrey moved to ask the board to take up subject of letter received from Mr. Stephen D. Wojcik regarding possible conflict of interest, at this time. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted by all members present. Then Mr. Lannan read aloud the letter received from Mr. Wojcik in which he explained his interest in property on Summer Street, and its relation to his membership on the Planning Board. The letter indicated that he had not participated in action of the Planning Board when this subject was acted upon. Mr. Humphrey stated that he had been informed this evening that further plans had been presented to the Planning Board, and then he moved that all this information be forwarded to the Town Counsel including the matter learned this evening, and that he should confer with Mr. Wojcik and the Planning Board and then report to the Selectmen. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and it was voted by all members present.

Conference with Bldg. Inspector, and other persons regarding use of property for business purposes.

A conference was planned for 8:45 P.M. with various persons regarding the present use of property at 321 Billerica Road, but the conference could not commence until 9:35 P.M. Those present included Peter J. McHugh, Jr., the Building Inspector, Mr. Richard Forbes, representing Mr. Peter Onanian, leasee of the premises and Mrs. Bernice H. O'Neil, of 327 Billerica Road. Mr. Lannan read aloud the contents of the letter and/or petition received from residents of the area in which complaints were registered as to the present use of the premises for business purposes. Mr. McHugh explained that in 1963 this lot complied under the zoning by-laws, but now it is a non-conforming use, since the by-law changed the requirements for this area. He spoke on each section of the letter of complaint, and he cited several permitted uses. He did acknowledge that parking violations now exist, and if traffic problems exist, they should be referred to the Police Department. In the area of a noise violations, the matter must first be proven. He added that there might be a noise violation, but this is questionable. He added that in regard to the hot-top driveway area, there would be no violation. Mr. Humphrey asked questions about the present side and rear yard requirements, and the use of the premises for bulk storage. Mr. McHugh explained his understanding of the by-law requirements and a long discussion ensued. Mr. Daniel F. Horgan, of 235 Billerica Road, stated he was a spokesman for the group who had complained about the use of these premises and he asked questions as to the legal use of this property now that it is a non-conforming lot. He stated that he felt there is a violation due to insufficient frontage, and the side yard use, the parking and the removal of lawn area. He presented photographs of the lot for the board to view. He stated that the group believe there are several violations and there has been an attempt to use the premises in a manner not proper under the by-law. Mr. Richard Forbes, a representative of the firm using these premises spoke and stated that the house had been re-assessed, and he said the frontage has 125 feet, and he gave rear dimensions and the lot contains 65,000 square feet of area. He said the house did conform with the zoning by-laws in 1959, and that in some instances cannot conform now, but he asked if the "grandfather" clause in the by-laws would now apply. He said they have five employees with ten to fifteen parking spaces. He said he would question the noise factor as one company truck comes there once each day, and the fork lift equipment is not on the property too often. Mr. Humphrey stated that in his opinion there had been a disregard for the objections of the neighbors, and he asked if the company could not cooperate with nearby residential owners to operate the premises in a manner that would be more satisfactory for these people. He said that the apperance was not good, with the loam piled up, and the bricks stacked up and it was unsightly and to an extent, a dangerous hazard. Mr. Forbes explained that the loam had been removed to obtain a gravel base, and pipes installed to drain the area, and he did offer to have the bricks moved to an area in the rear. Mr. Frank Lambert of 318 Billerica Road, stated that there was a noise nuisance. Mr. Alfred E. Lowell of 309 Billerica Road commented that they do not have proper frontage on the property for commercial use. Mr. William H. Lawson of 317 Billerica Road asked a question about the black barrels that are stored outside on the premises. Mr. Forbes explained that the barrels contain an acid for washing bricks, and he said they were sealed. Mr. Lawson inquired if the presence of this material isn't a hazard to children as the containers could topple over. Mr. Forbes again said the vats are sealed and he stated he could not reflect on the possible dangers. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the Town Counsel be given the benefit of all information about this subject, and particularly that information from Mr. Horgan, about the zoning and present building use, and the Town Counsel should review the subject and the present status of the lot insofar as the zoning requirements are concerned, and then forward all the information to the Selectmen. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Mr. Markham asked that the motion be amended to have the Fire Chief investigate the matter of storage of certain materials in relation to safety factors. Mr. Humphrey then amended his motion to include a request that the Board of Health also investigate. Mr. Hart asked Mr. Forbes if the barrels containing the acids could be stored under lock and key. Mr. Forbes offered to do this. Mrs. Bernice H. O'Neil explained that Mr. Onanian knew of the water problems in the area a long time ago, and there is much area in the rear for storage of materials, and improvements could be made. Mr. Clement McCarthy, who was present during the entire conference, asked that the photographs be described with a legend so that all factors about the pictures could be explained. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion and the amendements. Each member present voted in favor of the motion. Then the conference ended.

Conference with Bldg. Inspector and other persons re: use of property for business purposes.

Subject forwarded to Town Counsel for legal advice.

It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Police Department for a character and police report regarding Mrs. Evelyn Lee, of 4 Doral Drive, an Incorporator for the Chinatown Multi-Service Center, Inc., to be located in Boston, Mass.

Police Dept. requested to prepare character and police report.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by all members present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 30th, 1972.

Minutes accepted.

It was decided to take no action on the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12th, 1972 in order to allow the members more time to examine the material.

Minutes of meeting not approved at this time.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by all members present to adopt the state ABCC regulations for the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages on the holiday, July 4th, 1972.

Hours of sale for alcoholic beverages approved for holiday.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to appoint the following-named persons as Permanent Patrolmen for the Police Department, per civil service list:

1. Thomas P. Machado, 31 Rockingham Street, Lowell, Effective; 7/6/72.
2. Charles R. Hillman, Jr., 94 Proctor Road, Chelmsford. " 7/7/72.
3. Lewis T. Hunter, 8 Wesley Street, Chelmsford. " 7/8/72.

Mr. Hart then commended the Police Chief for forwarding recommendations to the Selectmen which did include the hiring of local residents, where possible. Mr. Doody did forward by special message that he favored appointing Mr.Hunter & Mr.Hillman

Police Patrolmen Appointed.

An application was received and read aloud from Mr. Kenneth V. Cutcliffe of 84 North Road, for appointment as Dog Officer. It was decided to forward the information to the Dog Leash Law Study Committee for their recommendations.

Member of Committee to Study Liquid Waste Problems resigns.

A letter was received from Mr. Richard Madden, a member of the Committee to Study the Liquid Waste Problems of the town, in which he stated he would be unable to serve on the committee since he is moving away from Chelmsford. The letter of resignation was accepted. Mr. Hart asked if members of the press would cooperate and inform the general public of need for applicants to serve on this committee, and that it is extremely important that the vacancies be filled so that the work of the committee can proceed.

Member of Data Processing Committee resigns.

A letter of resignation was received and accepted from Mr. David J. Rafferty, as Chairman, and a member of the Data Processing Committee. It was decided to forward a letter of thanks to Mr. Rafferty for his work on this committee, and to send a letter of inquiry to the committee chairman to ask that they forward names of nominees to fill the vacancy.

Conservation Commission requests appointed with board re: repairs to Crooked Spring Reservation Dam.

A letter was received from the Conservation Commission asking for conference with the Selectmen, the Planner for the Highway Department, Town Engineer and the Supt. of Streets, to discuss plans for needed repairs to the dam at the Crooked Spring Brook Reservation. The board directed that the Adm. Assist. sent up an appointment in the future when it will be convenient for all persons to be present.

Bldg. Insp. requested to investigate possible zoning violation.

The board received a copy of a notice sent to the Bldg. Insp. regarding possible zoning violations which may exist at the shopping area at Boston Road and Mill Road, from Mr. Domenic Romano, of 11 Rivermeadow Drive. Mr. Lannan agreed to confer with the Bldg. Insp. to learn more about the facts of the case and to obtain a report with details and recommendations for the Selectmen.

Discussion held re: Restoration of Crystal Lake.

Letters were received from Rep. Bruce N. Freeman and Rep. Paul Sheehy regarding the new bill before the legislature to obtain funds for the future restoration of Crystal Lake. Mr. Hart commented on the past history of this subject and said that very little assistance had come from Rep. Freeman and Sen. MacKenzie and when the Selectmen learned that questions of illegal use of the funds under the first bill existed, the board asked that a new bill be filed, but this was not done until many months later. He said he was disappointed that the residents of North Chelmsford have not been able to have their lake restored, and he said further he would work willingly on all legislation to gain help from the state, and he was most disappointed in the manner in which the matter was handled. Mrs. Grace Morse of 7 Chestnut Hill Road, was recognized at this point by the chairman ahd she commented that the Representative and Senator are presently working in a Democrati contolled legislature, and the two party system is better served with a more equal representation by parties.

Police Dept. requested to prepare character and police report.

A request was received from the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth for a character reference for a number of local residents, all incorporators of the Chelmsford Pop Warner, Inc. It was decided to forward the matter to the Police Dept. for a written character and police report.

Citizen requests copies of documents. Approval granted.

A letter was received from Mrs. Ruth K. Delaney of 14 Evergreen Street, in which she asked for copies of two letters received from Atty. James Curtis, regarding the subject of notice to abutters for liquor license application and from the W. T. Grant Co. for permission to conduct sales at their Garden Shop during Sept. and Oct. 1972. Mr. Lannan explained that it would now be advisable for the board to rule on all such requests, so that they would know who made such requests, and the subject matter, and there is a cost factor also to be considered where photocopy work is concerned. On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to authorize the Adm. Assist. to release copies of the documents requested by Mrs. Delaney. The board also directed that an estimate now be determined for the cost to reproduce documents via the photocopy process.

Town Clerk requested to advertise town by-laws.

Mr. Humphrey asked that a request be sent to the Town Clerk to ask that she commence the advertising of by laws passed at the Annual Town Meeting and subsequently approved by the Attorney General.

A legal opinion was received from the Town Counsel with regard to the complaint of Mrs. Robert LeDrew of 4 Gregory Road, against Mr. John R. Sutherland, of 183 North Road, where fill had been placed on the Sutherland property and subsequent damages occurred to the LeDrew Property. The Town Counsel ruled that the new town by-law regularing filling of land could not be used for correction of problems incurred in the past, but could be used for control of future problems. It was decided to so inform the office of Senator Edward Kennedy, who had made an inquiry about the subject in behalf of the complainant.

Legal Opinion received re: complaint of citizen due to land filling.

Notice was received from the Town Clerk informing the Selectmen that the Attorney General had not approved the recently amended town by-law concerning the use of Outdoor Loudspeakers. It was decided to so inform the Town Counsel so that he might study the subject and prepare a new by-law for future town meeting approval.

Town Clerk informs board Atty. Gen. has not ap= proved by-law re: Outdoor Loudspeakers

A letter was received from Mr. John J. Walsh, of 73 Bartlett Street, in which he submitted his resignation as a member of the Industrial Development Commission. The board accepted the resignation. Also a letter was received from the present chairman of the Industrial Development Commission in which the name of James Emanouil was presented as a nominee for appointment to the commission. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by all members present to appoint James Emanouil of 185 Littleton Road, as a member of the Industrial Development Commission; term to expire: 3/1975.

Member of Ind. Dev. Com. resigns and new member appointed.

A copy of a letter which had been sent to the Dog Officer, was received from Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Duffy, of 8 Longmeadow Road, in which a complaint was registered about a barking dog in the neighborhood, and that past complaints had been made, and if the matter is not resolved, a formal request for a hearing would be sent to the Selectmen later. Mr. Markham requested that the subject be forwarded to the Police Department. Mr. Humphrey stated he could not agree with this suggestion, and he then recommened that the matter be forwarded to the Dog Officer, with a request that his written report be filed with the board within two weeks. Mr. Markham stated that it was his opinion that police action could be effective on barking dog problems. Then Mr. Markham moved that a copy of the letter be sent to the Police Department, with specific reference to the barking nuisance factor only. Mr. Humphrey stated that the board should not commence this precedent. Mr. Lannan concurred. Mr. Markham stated that he proposed such action as he only wanted immediate attention and relief to the complainant. Mr. Humphrey stated that if the subject cannot be resolved, the Adm. Assist. can set up a hearing for the complaint. Mr. Lannan called for a seconding of the motion. No member respponded to this request, and the motion failed. In conclusion, the board gave instructions to the Adm. Assist. to have the Dog Officer render a written report within the near future.

Complaint received barking dog Subject to be sent to Dog Officer for a report.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to appoint Paul L. Dean, of 148 Main Street, as an Auxiliary Police Officer, to serve in an emergency, and without pay from the town.

Auxiliary Police Officer Appointed.

A report was received from the Police Dept. with recommendations that permission be granted to the W. T. Grant Co. for operation of their Garden Shop on Sundays, during Sept. and Oct. 1972, for retail sales. It was decided to hold the subject for final decision later, after the Bldg. Insp. files his report about the Garden Center Building, and to answer various questions which had been raised previously by the board.

Police Dept. approves Sunday sales at Garden Shop

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to approve final acceptance of eighteen streets, acted upon at the 1971 Annual Town Meeting, per written recommendation from the Supt. of Streets. Such streets accepted at this time were Bonanza

Final Acceptance of 1971 streets voted.

1971 Streets accepted by the Selectmen.

Road, Burning Tree Lane, Cathy Road, Clydesdale Road, Commanche Circle, Crabapple Lane, Drew Circle, Eldorado Road, Essex Place, Green Valley Drive, Longspur Road, McIntosh Road, Pennock Road, Sierra Drive, Smokerise Drive, Stonehill Road Extension, Thomas Drive, and Varney Avenue.

Information received from state Dept. of Education re: Project for lighting of school playgrounds.

A letter was received from the state Dept. of Education with respect to state finacial aid for lighting of playgrounds, at new school properties. Mr. Hart reported that the committee previously named to work on this project were now preparing plans for future town meeting action, and it did appear encouraging that some state funding would be possible.

Insurance Agent to be requested to furnish Selectmen regarding his interest in Boston company prior to bidding on Bldrs. Risk Insurance

A letter was received from the Insurance Advisory Committee in which recommendations were given as to the procedures which they felt should be followed in the future insofar as bid proposals are concerned for purchase of town insurance. and that bidders should meet the qualifications, as set forth by the Selectmen, in their vote sometime ago, for division of commissions derived from the town building package insurance plan. Mr. Markham stated that competition is good, and would be in the best interest of the town. It was decided to forward a statement to Mr. Peter N. Brown, of 23 Cathy Road, who had inquired about bidding on the Builders Risk Insurance coverage for the proposed new high school building, and to ask that he file a statement with the board relating to his affiliation with the Obrion, Russell Insurance Co., to comply with the vote on record.

Closing of street for Block Party approved.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by the members present to grant permission to the Castlewood Community Association for the closing of Castlewood Drive, at both ends of Charlemont Court, on Saturday, July 1st, 1972, from 3:00 P.M. to 12:00 midnight; to hold a block party, subject to the approval of the Police and Fire Chiefs, and to allow the association the use of Highway Dept. road horses, as needed.

Election Officer resigns.

A letter of resignation was received and accepted from Mrs. Florence B. Ludwig, of 9 Hitchin'post Road, as an Election Officer, Inspector for Precinct 12.

Garden Clubs cited for their work on community projects.

A letter was received from the Open Gate Garden Club stating that their representative, Mrs. Virginia M. Wilkins, of 7 Hidden Way, would not be serving on the Anti Litter Committee in the future and the name of a nominee was presented for the board's approval. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by the members present to appoint Mrs. Pamela A. Hammer, of 11 Cambridge Street, as a member of the Anti Litter Committee to represent the Open Gate Garden Club

Changes in roster of Anti Litter Committee approved.

A letter was received from Mrs. Thelma Calawa in which she requested that the board forward a letter of endorsement for the work done in the community and particularly at the Old Chelmsford Garrison House, by four of the local Garden Clubs, working in a joint project to restore the old fashioned gardens, so that the clubs could forward the endorsement to the Sears, Roebuck Co. contest judges so that the local clubs can participate in a contest for work done to better a community. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by three members present, (Mr. Markham was not present at this time) to forward a letter of acknowledgement and for the excellent work done.

Conservation Commission granted permission to seek legal opinion.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted by three members present (Mr. Markham was not present at this time) to grant permission to the Conservation Commission to seek a legal opinion from the Town Counsel relating to the possibility of setting up a fee schedule to cover costs for conducting Hatch Act Hearings.

DPU report received re: bids for hauling gravel.

A letter was received from the state Dept. of Public Utilities in which advice was given for procedures which should be followed for trucking rates when bids are called for hauling of loam and gravel, as voted under a special article at the recent Special Town Meeting. It was decided to hold this information for future use in preparing of specifications for bidders.

Letter re: landfill rec'd

A letter was received from Mrs. Bessie Wiggin of 220 Acton Road, in which she protested about the manner of investigation of land filling and improvement of her property. The letter will be placed on file.

A letter was received and read from Mr. Raymond A. Carye, of the Alpha Development Corporation relating to his recent application to the Planning Board for approval of a sub-division in area of Billerica Road and Turnpike Road. Mr. Carye was present and he spoke to the board and commented that he felt there was a need for town officials and residents and business people of the town to work together. He stated that he had become concerned with the procedures recently followed by the board and the matter of referrels and he stated that applications before town boards should be considered in a manner of what is best for the town, and its citizens. He stated that his recent application to the Planning Board involved the need for an access road onto Turnpike Road, and the plan would be of economic benefit to the town. Mr. Humphrey asked if the plan had been rejected by the Planning Board and Mr. Carye replied that it had been. Mr. Humphrey asked if a new revised plan would be submitted and Mr. Carye explained that perhaps it would, but time is an element and business firms currently need facilities. Mr. Hart stated that a study is now under way for traffic improvements under the "Topics" program with state assistance. Mr. Daniel F. Horgan of 235 Billerica Road, spoke and clarified the procedures used by the Planning Board since he formerly served on that board and he said that referrels are normal procedure. Mr. Lannan suggested that Mr. Carye confer with the Town Planner and the Industrial Development Representative to outline future plans . Mr. Carye stated his purpose in sending the letter and speaking to the board was an attempt to seek direction. Mr. Lannan stated that the Selectmen would be pleased to confer with Mr. Carye anytime in the future. Mr. Humphrey suggested that information of the "Topics" plans be forwared to the Planning Board so that they will be aware of traffic improvement plans and which would probably assist them in the future decisions for subdivision applications.

Letter received and conference held with Raymond A. Carye re: need for advice in future filings of subdivision applications and the need for boards and citizens to work together.

A letter was received from Rev. Ned Watts of the Aldersgate Methodist Church in which he inquired about the procedures the church should follow for obtaining permission to use outdoor amplification system for church chimes and music. It was decided to notify him that the present by-law does not require that churches comply with the town by-law, and that the present by-law refers to business or commercial firms.

Church to be informed they do not need permission to amplify church music.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by all the members present to award the contract for remodeling and improvement of the present Building Inspector's Office for future use by the Treasurer and Tax Collector to Peter J. McHugh, Jr. for quoted price of $625.00, per bids received. The McHugh bid was the lowest price.

Town Hall Office to be remodeled and contract awarded.

Mr. Lannan asked that the board approve sending a request to the Supt. of Streets, for having a berm installed along North Road and Parkhurst Road, to prevent road surface water from flowing onto the parking area of the property of the Church of Christ. Mr. Lannan reported that the request was received from the pastor, Rev. Jerry Lee. It was agreed to ask the Supt. of Streets to make an investigation of this matter and then report to the board with his recommendations.

Supt. of Streets requested to issue report on need for berm along North Rd. & Parkhurst Rd.

Then Mr. Lannan made comments about certain press reports he had read in local newspapers concerning the ABCC hearing in Boston on June 20th, 1972. He stated that there were many inaccuracies and he cited the Newsweekly and Sentinel as examples, and he read various reports which did appear and then he described the events as they occurred to clarify the subjects. In conclusion he said that he, as a Selectman, would make his own decisions in these matters, and vote as he felt best. He spoke strongly about the reports as printed and felt they did not convey an accurate story of the event.

Discussion held re: inaccurate newspaper reports.

Mr. Humphrey, at this point asked if the board would agree to have the letters go to the state ABCC concerning the Wooster, and Harrington liquor license decisions. Mr. Hart and Mr. Lannan concurred. Mr. Markham agreed with the stipulation that the letters go to the Town Counsel first.

Discussion held re: newspaper reports.

Motion made and fails to not take action to approve or grant liquor licenses.

Then Mr. Markham commented on the statements made by Mr. Lannan concerning newspaper accounts of the ABCC hearing in Boston on June 20th, 1972. He stated that he felt the statements made by Mr. Lannan should be repeated later in front of the Town Counsel, who was also present at the hearing. Mr. Markham stated that, in his opinion, the newspaper reports were quite accurate and complete. Mr. Lannan stated that he would not repeat his statements. Then Mr. Markham asked what the feeling of the board would be in relation to the granting of licenses in the future. Mr. Lannan suggested the board wait until the ABCC transcript is received, and that it is expected within the next thirty days. Mr. Markham suggested that the board act now on the subject and he then moved that the board now go on record to not approve nor grant the two liquor licenses for package stores which are now available under the census validation. He then cited three reasons for his motion; stating #1: The board has other pressing matters to consider; #2: That a fair hearing should be conducted on the merits of each application and #3: There is need for a cooling off period. Mr. Lannan stated that he felt this was not a legal motion. Mr. Markham cited a section of the law which, he said, provides for such an action at this time. Mr. Lannan asked if any board member wished to second the motion. No one spoke and the motion died. Mr. Humphrey stated that if Mr. Markham were to make such a motion when there is a full board present, he would agree to second such a motion or make a similar one himself and state his reasons for same at that time.

Discussion held re: need for purchase of a new photo-copy machine.

Mr. Markham spoke about the need for a new and effecient copy machine and he suggested that the Purchasing Officer study the subject and check with the various department heads to see what is needed, and that a centralized plan is perhaps now advisable. Mr. Lannan reported that the subject has been under study and price and quality are factors as the Town Clerk may sell copies of documents. Mr. Lannan stated that he will check into the subject with the Town Clerk.

Board does not approve closing of town hall offices on day before the July 4th Holiday.

Mr. Markham then stated that he had received a request from the Town Clerk to see if the town hall offices could be closed on Monday, July 3rd, 1972. Mr. Markham moved that the board approve the closing. No member seconded the motion and it failed.

Press allowed to ask questions.

Mr. Lannan opened the meeting at this point to the reporters for questions that they might wish to ask. Several questions were asked.

Meeting adjourns.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 A.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Carnival approved to benefit church organization.

On June 29th, 1972 approval was given by a majority of the board members to grant permission to The Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Greek Orthodox Church, of Lowell, to conduct a carnival at the J. M. Fields Store Property at Parkhurst Road, from Friday, July 7th, 1972 to Saturday, July 15th, 1972, between the hours of 1:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on each Saturday, and from 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on other days, and with the understanding that there will be no fireworks display, and that a representative of the church shall consult with the Police Department to make arrangements for proper police supervision. This permission was granted with the stipulation that approval of these plans would also come from the Police and Fire Chiefs.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, July 10th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Hart, Vice Chairman, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan, Chairman, was unable to be present due to vacation schedule. Mr. Hart presided.

Members present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Jerry House of the Sentinel arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Anne Marie Kierce of the Newsweekly arrived at 7:25 P.M.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:28 P.M.
4. Fred Faust of WCAP Radio Station in Lowell arrived at 7:45 P.M.

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:22 P.M.

Reporters present.

A memorandum was received from the Adm. Assist. that Mr. Earl Bomengen of 238 Mill Road had requested that traffic control signs be installed along Mill Road, as dangers do exist due to motorists traveling at high speeds. It was decided to forward the subject to the Police Dept. for an investigation and for recommendations. All members approved this suggestion.

Traffic Survey to be conducted on Mill Road.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12th, 1972.

Minutes accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the members present to approve and accept the minutes of the special meeting of June 19th, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the members present to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing for Petition of Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for Pole Locations and Pole Location Abandonment on Littleton Road, (C-1215.)

Pole Location Hearing Authorized.

A letter was received from the Planning Board with recommendations that the Selectmen consider a plan for the widening of Turnpike Road, to accomodate future Limited Industrial Development of land off Turnpike Road. Members of the board did not approve the suggestion of the Planning Board and each member expressed his reasons. Mr. Humphrey commented that industrial firms had been located in the area for quite a period of time, and there had been no problems. He stated further that such a widening of Turnpike Road would make the road a raceway, and he could not approve such a change. He suggested that future changes in the area be planned with entrances and exits from Billerica Road, and the residential area should be retained as much as possible, as such a change would inconvenience the property owners. Mr. Doody stated that the area should remain as residential as possible. Mr. Markham suggested the entrances and exits be on Billerica Road, and he would not favor the widening, and he further explained that such a widening would result in a number of residential properties being too close to the road, and the need is not warranted. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that the board go on record as not approving any changes to widen Turnpike Road, for reasons as cited by the members and listed above. Mr. Markham seconded the motion and it was voted by the members present.

Selectmen do not approve widening of Turnpike Road for further Industrial development.

An application was received from Mr. Richard H. Peterson, of 170 Westford St., for appointment as Dog Officer. It was decided to forward the application to members of the Dog Leash Law Study Committee, so that they may interview the applicant and forward their recommendations to the board.

Application rec'd for appmt. of Dog Officer.

A letter was received from Mr. Gunnar Reslow of 50 Hall Road, in which he complained about the cost and operation of county government, and he asked that the Selectmen initiate action to improve the operation and to hopefully reduce costs. It was decided to forward a reply to him and explain the previous actions of the board in matters of county government and that the board had attempted to work with other officials to improve the efficiency of this part of government.

Complaint received regarding County Government Operation.

A request was received from Mr. George Perraudin of 5 Footpath Road relating to the need for cleaning out a clogged sewer. It was decided to forward the subject to the Supt. of Streets for his immediate attention.

Request rec'd to clean sewer

Subject of falling stones on Mill Road to be investigated.

A letter was received from Mrs. Marilyn H. Carey, of 3 Queen Street, in which she called attention to the dangers from falling stones onto Mill Road, where new construction had taken place. It was decided to have the Adm. Assist. take past correspondence on this matter from the files for the board to see before any new action is taken.

Progress report requested for Alpine Lane engineering project.

An inquiry was received from members of the National Assn. of Letter Carriers, #4383, regarding the status of engineering work planned for Alpine Lane to establish road boundaries and to later paint same on the roadway. It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Town Engineer for a progress report on this matter.

Police to make additional patrols along Westford Street to control traffic.

A petition was received from a number of residents of Westford St. and Courtland Drive and Sycammore Street areas asking that additional protection be given to residents in this area due to existing traffic conditions and hazards. The petition referred to the amount of speeding on Westford St and the need for town officials to enforce the speed limits. Mr. Humphrey reported that the members of the Police Department had been working in the area and a number of motorists had been stopped, and it was noticed that some of whom are residents of the area. It was agreed that it is now advisable to have twenty-four hour patrols, and to exercise additional surveillance of motorists who use this road, so that the speed limits will be strictly enforced and observed.

Bid received and contract awarded for purchase of new engine for a Fire Dept. vehicle.

At 7:45 P.M. the board opened one bid for the purchase of a new motor for a 1957 Maxim Fire Engine for the Fire Department. The purchasing Officer, Mr. Robert E. Olson, was present. The bid was received from Mr. Charles H. Clougherty of Maxim Motors in the amount of $5,873.00. (Town Meeting appropriation was $6,000.00). Mr. Hart spoke about the need to have prompt action taken on this matter as one of the department's trucks was now entirely out of use, and the new motor should be installed as quickly as possible. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted to accept the bid as received, and same to be subject to the engine meeting the specifications as outlined, and that the Fire Chief should now take the necessary steps to have the engine installed.

Requests received and approved for installation of "Stop" signs.

Reports were received from the Police Department regarding need for traffic signs and road painting as follows:

1. For Installation of two "Stop" signs on both sides of Sunset Avenue where it intersects Dalton Road, per request of Mr. Harold C. Giffin of 18 Sunset Avenue, due to recent serious accident. Road also to be painted with the wording "Stop."
2. For Installation of a "Stop" sign on Santa Fe Road, at the intersection of Marina Road, and to paint the word "Stop" on the roadway at this sign, per request of Mrs. Patricial J. Hayes of 1 Santa Fe Road.

In both cases the board approved the recommendations and instructions will be sent to the Supt. of Streets to do this work.

Certificates of character signed for Incorporators of new corporations.

Certificates of Character for the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth were signed as follows:

1. For the Chelmsford Pop Warner Football, Inc., incorporators -
   Robert J. Messersmith, 10 Bonanza Rd.,
   John Chuma, 27 State St.,
   Edward S. Andrews, 16 Clarissa Road,
   Harry J. Ayotte, 25 Holt Street,
   Sherburne C. Appleton, 11 Raymond Rd.,
   James H. Hoffman, 11 Cathy Road,
   Edgar F. Thomas, 16 State St.,
   Nicholas Mazzoni, 67 High Street.
   Corporation to be located at 10 Bonanza Road.
2. For Chinatown Multi Service Center, Inc., incorporator -
   Evelyn Lee, 4 Doral Drive.
   Corporation to be located in Boston, Mass.

In both cases character and police reports had been received prior to signing.

Complaint rec'd. and forwarded to Police Dept. re: truck traffic in residential areas.

A letter was received from Mr. Lawrence A. Litchfield of 182 Dalton Road in which he made complaint of the noise and use of residential streets near his home by heavy truck vehicles, and he asked if certain restrictions could be imposed. It was decided to forward the subject to the Police Department for their study and recommendations.

A request was received from Mr. Malcolm R. Kydd of 5 Ruthellen Road, for permission to close off Ruthellen Road at corner of Porter Road to Muriel Road, on July 15th, 1972 from 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. for holding of a Block Party. Mr. Humphrey suggested that approval be obtained from the Police and Fire Chiefs and if they concur with the plans that approval by the Selectmen be given, and the Supt. of Streets to provide the needed road horses. The board then granted permission with these stipulations.

Permission granted for closing of street for Block Party.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the members present to grant permission to the Chelmsford Swimming & Tennis Club, located at Robin Hill Road, for use ofan Outdoor Loudspeaker on July 15th, 1872, from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in connection with swimming meets. No action was taken on their request for later dates, as these will be processed by the board individually at future meetings.

Permission granted for use of Outdoor Loudspeaker.

A letter was received from the Town Counsel with advice pertaining to the complaint of Edward and Alice Druden relating to possible zoning violations at property of Mr. Hallberg, on Proctor Road. Mr. McCarthy suggested that perhaps the board should visit the site to determine the extent of the problem. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Building Inspector now inform the Selectmen of his thoughts on the subject and to learn the reasons for his earlier statement that the opinion of previous Town Counsel might not suffice.

Further inquiry to be made regarding Zoning Violation.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with the Moderator, Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr. and Mr. Louis A. Murray, nominee for appointment to the School Building Committee to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mr. Patrick Vaughan. Mr. Coughlin introduced Mr. Murray to the board members and he then explained some of the background information about Mr. Murray and his qualifications for serving on the School Building Committee. Mr. Coughlin stated that the reason for holding this interview was to comply with the Town Meeting article which specified such appointment shall be made by the Moderator in consultation with the Selectmen. Mr. Coughlin stated that Mr. Murray has been the assistant manager of the Model Cities in Lowell and his qualifications are of the highest degree; that he is a graduate of Lowell State and he has worked on matters pertaining to federal assistance, and the town would be most fortunate to have Mr. Murray assist us. Then Mr. Murray spoke and explained that he is a resident of Chelmsford and he has four children in the local school system, and he felt he owed something to the town, and that education is is work, and he holds a BSE degree. He also stated that he had worked overseas, and has done work in educational television, and then he described some of his work while involved in the educational field. Mr. Humphrey stated that the conference being held this evening is a result of the original plans for establishing the School Bldg. Committee, and such consultations are advisable, and much saving has resulted in the planning of new schools. He then commented that there is no question that the board would now concur with the moderator's choice in selecting Mr. Murray. Mr. Doody stated that he felt Mr. Murray to be ideally qualified and he would concur with the appointment. Mr. Markham stated that the choice is an excellent one, and Mr. Murray's qualifications are well recognized and he would favor the appointment. Mr. Markham then moved that the board concur with Mr. Coughlin's recommendation. Mr. Doody seconded the motion and it was voted by all the members present.

Conference held with nominee for appointment as a member of the School Building Committee.

Selectmen favor appointment of nominee of Moderator.

A letter was received from Mr. Peter Onanian, President of Lusalon, Inc., at 321 Billerica Road in which he informed the board of certain incidents relating to the use of this property for business purposes and he indicated that he wanted to publicly express his views on the subject. Mr. Humphrey stated that inasmuch as the subject is now being further researched by the Town Counsel, it might be best to reserve judgment and comment until a later date, when all information is available.

Owner of business on Billerica Rd. expresses views on future use of business property.

It was decided to forward information about a meeting of the Lowell Disaster Planning Board to the town Civil Defense Committee.

Auto Dealer requests unlimited license.

A letter was received from Eugene F. Lohnes, President of Princeton Auto Sales, Inc., at 123 Princeton Street, in which a request was made that the board grant him an unlimited Class II Auto Dealer License. It was decided to schedule a conference with Mr. Lohnes on Monday, July 24th, 1972 at 8:30 P.M. to learn more details about the request.

Change of Managership for Princeton Lounge, Inc. approved.

A formal notice of request was received from Atty. Wilbur A. Hyatt, that the officers of the Princeton Lounge, Inc., at 147 Princeton Street, have voted to change the managership from Charles Zappala to Robert J. White, one of the officers of the corporation. On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the members to approve this request for naming Robert J. White, as Manager, per action taken by the corporation officials.

Public Hearing conducted on application of the Chelmsford Country Club Inc., for issuance of an All Alcoholic, Common Victualer License.

At 8:30 P.M. a Public Hearing was conducted on the application of the Chelmsford Country Club, Inc., John Thompson, Manager, for the issuance of an All Alcoholic, Common Victualer License. Mr. Hart presided. A tape recording was used to record the testimony. Mr. Hart read the application and outlined briefly the procedures to be followed to conduct the hearing. A large number of persons were present and the hearing was held in the larger upstairs meeting room. The attorney for the applicant, Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., presented an affidavit to Mr. Hart certifiying that all abutters had been notified. Mr. Hart read the contents of the affidavit and the document with return receipt postcards were turned over to the clerk for study and filing. Then Mr. Hart invited the attorney for the applicant to present information about the application. Atty. Coughlin, for the record, gave his name and address, and stated he had been hired to represent the applicant. He then stated that the premises consist of a nine-hole golf course, with a pro shop and that the corporation now has a Wines & Malt Beverages Common Victualer License. He stated that the corporation now requests an All Alcoholic Beverages License, to sell other beverages than wines and beer; meaning whiskey. He explained that the club now has seventy-five to eighty active members, and there are some others who are active occasionally. He said this is a private club, and would be similar to that operated by the Mount Pleasant, Longmeadow and Vesper Country Clubs. He stated that the club first started about seven or so years ago, by Mr. Archie Jordan, and that the first liquor license was granted three to four years ago, and the property is now operated by Mr. Navoy and Mr. Thompson. He continued by saying there had been no violations of the liquor laws of any type, or sales to minors, or otherwise, and he said the food items available consist primarily of sandwiches, candy and ice cream. He stated that if the license is granted, there would be no change; that the reason for this request was as a courtesy to the members, and would be for adult members. He stated that sometimes tournaments are held and there have been no problems to date, and he commented that the abutters cannot refer to a complaint nor problem. He stated further that there are one to two parties each year, and there had been no problem with the location and site, and this was less than the Swimming and Tennis Club. He said that there would be additional refrigeration and storage areas needed, if the license is granted. He then described the premises, and he emphasized that signs are on the premises to forbid the taking of beverages outside the clubhouse. In conclusion, Mr. Coughlin, stated he felt that this privilege should be given to the applicant, as it has been a well-run establishment, and the neighbors do not have complaints regarding late hour activities, and there are no traffic problems and he asked for the cooperation of the board to grant the license. Mr. Hart then asked if he had any plans of the premises and building to show the board and Mr. Coughlin stated he had no plans since no changes are contemplated. Mr. Hart asked what the hours of operation would be and Mr. Coughlin replied that the legal time of closing is 2:00 A.M. but the club's peak hours are early in the evening, and there is very little activity after 10:00 P.M. Mr. Hart asked if the hours will change and Mr. Coughlin explained that they plan to work the regular hours until 10:00 P.M. Mr. Hart asked if the facilities of the club will be available to only the golfing members or would they be available also for private party use. Mr. Coughlin stated that the facilities would be for the golfers. He also stated that they presently hold a Common Victualer Food License and they must have food products available, and he described the type of food products which are for sale. Then Mr. Humphrey asked if the applicants are aware of the requirements of Chapter 140 relating to

Common Victualer Food Licenses. Mr. Coughlin acknowledged the applicants are aware of such requirements. Mr. Humphrey then asked about the hours and days of week of operation, such as the serving of the beverages, and he took exception with the previous statement that beverages can be served until 2:00 A.M. and that the board can give special permissions, and this is not a club license. He then asked if the applicants would accept a restricted license for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Coughlin did state once again at this point that the request for this type of license is for the convenience of members and the management do not want to open a road house. Mr. Humphrey stated that when the original license was granted, the board did not want a road house. Then Mr. Humphrey asked about the experience of of the manager. Mr. Coughlin then described the qualifications of John Thompson, and that he has been sufficiently astute to handle the sale of wines and malt beverages and he would also be able to handle the sale of all alcoholic beverages. Mr. Humphrey asked if there would be any changes if the license were to be granted. Mr. Coughlin stated that perhaps a movable bar might be installed inside, and it would not be for outside use. Mr. Doody asked that a description be given of the club house building insofar as the location is concerned to nearby residences. Mr. Coughlin stated that he believed the nearest home would be that of Mr. Bailey Laughlin of Park Road. Then Mr. Bailey Laughlin spoke and said that the nearest residence would be that of Mr. Charles H. Mitchum of 60 Park Road, which is about fifty feet from the club premises. Mr. Coughlin added that he did not believe there would be any traffic problem to Mr. Laughlin nor Mr. Mitchum, and he said that the owners of the club would be willing to install some fast-growing trees to offset any noise level, and the applicants will commit themselves to plant the trees. Mr. Markham asked if Mr. Thompson, the Manager, is present. Mr. Coughlin stated he was present and also Mr. and Mrs. Navoy, corporation officers were also present. Mr. Markham asked if Mr. Thompson holds no shares in the corporation and Mr. Navoy answered in the affirmative. Mr. Markham asked about the procedures used for acceptance of members to the club. Mr. Thompson replied that the dues are twenty-five dollars per year, and that there are now approximately seventy-five members, and they do hold tournaments, and there are three cookouts per season, and on Friday evenings they do conduct mixed socials. Mr. Markham asked if restrictions are followed and Mr. Thompson replied that they do restrict to some extent. Mr. Markham asked about future plans. Mr. Navoy stated they hope to make certain improvements in the driveways, the fairways, and to roof over the sundeck, and there is a program of expansion. Mr. Markham asked if there are such plans now available. Mr. Navoy then described the improvements planned, and stated he did not have plans at this time. Mr. Markham suggested that a sketch or narrative be prepared to explain in detail the plans they have. Mr. Navoy commented that they do plan now to install a roof over the sundeck. Mr. Markham asked if there are any plans for a commercial operation for accomodating private parties, and Mr. Navoy replied that there are no such plans. Mr. Coughlin commented that the facilities are not presently available for such plans and Mr. Humphrey promptly stated he would disagree with this statement. Then, once again, Mr. Navoy stated they had no such plans. Mr. Markham asked about the present zoning of this area; that it is located in a "RB District" and he asked if a variance had been given. Mr. Coughlin stated that the records will show this. Mr. Markham asked if this is a non-conforming use in that district, and Mr. Coughlin replied in the affirmative. Mr. Humphrey added that it is a legal non-conforming use. Then Mr. Hart asked if any abutters who were present would like to speak in favor of the application. There was no response. Mr. Hart invited other persons, who are not abutters, to speak in favor of the application. There was again no response. At this point Mr. Hart read aloud the contents of a letter received by each member of the board from Mr. Charles H. Mitchum of 60 Park Road, who stated he would be unable to attend the hearing and who wished to go on record as objecting to the granting of the license. Mr. Hart then asked if any abutters present would now want to speak in opposition to the granting of the license. Mr. F. Bailey Laughlin, Jr., of 69 Park Road, spoke and stated that he resides right opposite to the club on Park Road, and that Mr. Archie Jordan had been

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a very pleasant neighbor. He said that he was worried at time of the first hearing, and is now concerned with the degree of use of these premises in the future. He said the club does conduct parties, and that in other locations there have been objections to clubs, and he cited the case of the Olde Stage Recreation Facility which had come before the voters at previous town meetings. He said he was definitely opposed to the granting of this license, and he said he felt it cannot be controlled, and he is most concerned with the measure of degree. relating to future use of this property. Mrs. Margaret Sutton of 78 Park Road spoke and inquired if there will be more parties, and if so, there will be more noise and more traffic, and late hours of operation, and all of these factors will change our neighborhood, and she said she was opposed to this. Mr. F. Bailey Laughlin said he had some after thoughts about this subject and wanted to say also that recently the request for a zoning variance by Dale Carlisle had resulted in legal litigation, and he wanted also to have the Selectmen know that a veiled threat had been revealed in this case by inferring that a housing development might come in here if the license is not granted, and he felt the applicants are here to make money, and this should be considered and up to now they had done a good job. Mr. John B. Sutton of 78 Park Road, stated he was opposed to the license and he informed the board that he is an abutter, and that he had not been notified. A discussion then followed about this subject and it was learned that he lives at same premises as Margaret Sutton and she received a notice but he did not receive one, and that he is an owner of record of the property. Mr. Robert J. Donoghue of 85 Park Road stated that there are small children in the area and he fears for their safety, and he also felt that the club should now be closed. Mrs. Jean H. Aldinger of 53 Park Road, stated she was opposed due to the problem of traffic. Mrs. Shirley T. Mitchell of 54 Park Road stated she was also opposed for reasons of traffic problem inasmuch as she has small children. Mr. Dale A. Carlisle asked if this license granting would be a special permit, under the zoning, and he asked if it must be reviewed annually by the Board of Appeals. He then commented that the establishment is close to neighbors and near the road. Mr. Hart explained that if property changes are planned, then the subject must go to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Humphrey further explained that certain subjects relating to zoning would be decided by the Board of Appeals. Mrs. Janet F. Laughlin of 69 Park Road stated that when the club was originally planned and opened, it was purely for recreational purposes, and the granting of a Common Victualer License, and operation of a bar, is strictly for business purposes, and she emphasized that she would not go along with such plans. Mr. Markham asked about the plans for installing a parking area, and he inquired if the area would be hot-topped. Mr. Navoey said it would be. Mr. Markham asked how many cars would be accomodated in the area and Mr. Havoey replied it would handle forty cars. Mr. Markham asked if the golf course will be enlarged and Mr. Navoy stated it would not be enlarged. Mr. Markham asked if the golf course has nine holes at the present time. Mr. Navoy replied that it still has nine holes. Mr. Markham asked again if there are any plans to enlarge the golf course. Mr. Navoy repeated that there were no such plans, and he added that they do not have sufficient land area to make such plans. Mr. Markham asked if the corporation had any option on land for late purchase. Mr. Navoy replied that such options would not be for enough land to install an eighteen-hole golf course. Mr. Hart asked if anyone else would care to speak and no one responded. Then Mr. Hart closed the hearing at approximately 9:25 P.M., and the board returned to the smaller meeting room.

Selectmen take action to deny license to Chelmsford Country Club, Inc.;

Mr. Hart asked the board members if they would now wish to make a decision on the application of the Chelmsford Country Club, Inc. for an All Alcoholic, Common Victualer License. Mr. Humphrey stated that the usual procedure was for the board to take a week or so to gather their thoughts about such matters, after a public hearing is held, but in this case, it is necessary to act promptly inasmuch as the thirty-day period for making the decision is about to terminate. Mr. Humphrey felt that there was a need to review the material presented at the hearing tonight. He then stated he was ready to make a motion, but felt he might need more time to prepare the reasons for his decision. Then Mr. Humphrey moved to deny the granting of such a license to the Chelmsford Country Club, Inc. and he offered various reasons for making this motion. He stated that he was now concerned about the neighbors, and this residential area, if such a license were granted. He stated that in his opinion, to enlarge the scope of the operation, by granting an All Alcoholic Beverages License, would introduce additional problems. He commented that the issuance of this type of license usually would relate to a restaurant operation and adequate facilities are required and needed. He said that in previous such cases, the board has required that adequate facilities for the preparation and serving of food products be installed and available. He said that he would be inclined to deny permission for the serving of food and beverages, in this case, to the general public, as this is a club, but he felt it might not be legal for the board to act in this manner. He then cited the fact that he felt there would be traffic problems. Mr. Markham seconded the motion. Then Mr. Hart called for the vote and Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody, Mr. Markham and Mr. Hart voted in the affirmative to deny the granting of the license. Mr. Doody spoke and said that a denial of this license will not create any undue hardship to the applicant, and the fears of the residents as to the future operation of this club will not be diminised by granting such a license, and traffic problems will increase. Mr. Markham stated that there could be a traffic problem on Park Road, and that presently the use of these premises for a golf course and club house is a legal non-conforming use under the zoning code, and to grant an All Alcoholic License would be an expansion of the legal use for these premises. He also said he felt that the management had indicated an insufficient number of restrictions for the new operation. He also added that no persons at the hearing had spoken in favor of the license. Mr. Hart stated that his reasons for denial would be basically the same as previously mentioned, such as traffic, noise and the inconvenience to the abutters. Mr. Humphrey then added that if the ABCC acts in this case, they might feel that an abutter had not been properly notified, and that the spirit of the law had not been complied with. Then the discussion ended. Adv. Costs: $37.75.

Selectmen vote to not grant an All Alcoholic Common Victualer License to Chelmsford Country Club, Inc.

Mr. Hart then informed the board members that he had learned that an old Divco truck had been given to the Police Dept. sometime ago and it was now on the premises of Tony's Garage, in East Chelmsford, for repair and alteration work. A Mr. George Roscoe had informed Mr. Hart earlier that the truck had been made available to the town, and he now inquired if the vehicle could now be assigned to the Dog Officer's Department. It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Police Chief about this matter, and to recommend that the truck be moved to the Highway Garage where the town employed mechanics could do the needed work.

Board recommends that Police Dept. vehicle be

An invitation was received from the Boston Red Sox to attend a special sporting event designed for participation by Recreation and Youth Groups and Mr. Doody requested that copies of the material be sent to the Director of Recreation and the Coordinator of the Youth Center.

Invitation to sporting event received.

Mr. Doody informed the board that he had received a request from Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sheldon of 38 Cathy Road asking for a replacement of a street sign and for the board to consider installing sidwalk facilities along Cathy Road. Mr. Doody asked that inquiries be forwarded to the Supt. of Streets to determine if sidewalk installation work at this location is feasible, and to the Planning Board to learn if such requirements are set forth in the sub-division approval, and if so, are funds being held under the Performance Bond to develop a sidewalk. It was stated that the Highway Dept. had already been requested to restore the street sign.

Request for Street Sign and Sidewalk facilities.

Mr. Doody also spoke on the need for painting a crosswalk in rear of the Adams Library property, and it was stated that the Highway Dept. had already been requested to do this work.

Painted Crosswalk at Library needed.

Mr. Markham asked that the board consider forwarding a request to the Police Department to investigate traffic problems in the Locke Road, Davis Road and Grandview Road areas. Mr. Markham explained that Locke Road had been used for a short cut, and speeding cars had often been observed, and he cited the fact that a recent fatal accident had occurred.

Traffic survey requested.

Traffic Survey to be made of Locke Rd., Davis Road, Grandview Road areas.

Mr. Markham stated that there is a need for increased patroling of the area and further use of the radar. He asked that a survey of the needs of the area be made to determine what type of sign postings are needed and the locations of same. He also called attention to the fact that certain "No Thru Trucking " signs had been removed and they should now be restored at Grandview Road and Westford Streets, and that a "Stop" sign is needed for Davis Road, at the intersection of Locke Road; such sign to be on Davis Road for traffic heading townard North Road. He said also there are some signs without lettering and existing posts without signs. The board members concurred with Mr. Markham's suggestions to have the Police Dept. commence work on this project.

Discussion held and suggestions presented for future course of action regarding subject of liquor license applications.

Mr. Doody then stated that apparently the board members at their previous meeting had discussed the subject of liquor license applications and he felt that a further discussion on the subject should now be held. Mr. Humphrey explained that a motion had been made by Mr. Markham to delay action on the granting of two all alcoholic retail package goods stores until sometime in the future, but the motion did not carry, and Mr. Humphrey stated that he was now waiting for all members to be in attendance at a future meeting to consider the matter. Mr. Markham stated that he would make a similar motion again when the full board is in session. Mr. Doody, at this point, commented on the subject, and he asked that the board consider several suggestions he would now like to present. He suggested that the board defer any action on this subject until after the March 1973 Annual Town Election, and that a study and investigation be made to determine if the licensing authority can be separated from the Board of Selectmen, and to determine the feasibility of having municipal operated package stores in our town, similar to those operated in Reading and Nashua, N. H., and that a referendum should be presented to the voters so that they will have the opportunity to decide the question, and that the Town Counsel should assist to advise the board as to the proper procedures to follow. Mr. Doody agreed that the subject should again come before the board when all members are present.

Resignation received from the Administrative Assistant of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hart informed those present that this was his first Selectmen's Meeting at which time he would preside as Vice Chairman and he felt ahead that it would be a memorable occasion, but he did not realize ahead of time, that he would be obliged to make such an important announcement as the one in front of him at this time. He then explained that he had received a letter of resignation from Alfred H. Coburn, as Administrative Assistant for the Board of Selectmen, to become effective August 31st, 1972. He stated that it was with deep regret that this letter of resignation is received and he felt that the town was losing a man that it would never be able to replace and he extended his best wishes to Mr. Coburn for his future good health and happiness. Mr. Humphrey commented that there would not be sufficient hours to extoll the qualifications and type of work performed in the past by Mr. Coburn for the Selectmen. He stated that he had known Mr. Coburn for many years and he was most reluctant to hear this news and he said he found it difficult to accept this resignation. Mr. Doody stated that he also learned of this resignation with deep regret and he felt that Mr. Coburn was the official that "kept the town going," and he felt that he had fulfilled the duties of an Executive Secretary for the Selectmen for a long time, and he stated he wanted Mr. Coburn to reconsider his decision. Mr. Markham stated that this was a shock to him and that Mr. Coburn was a knowledgeable town official and the town of Chelmsford is losing a person never to be replaced, and Mr. Coburn had been a guiding light to me and the board. Mr. Markham continued by saying that Mr. Coburn's work load had been overwhelming and assistance was greatly needed and he asked Mr. Coburn to reconsider, and to allow the board more time to make adjustments as this is an almost impossible task to select a replacement. Mr. Hart then stated that the board should now take immediate steps to plan for the future and he asked the board members if they wished to advertise the position in local newspapers to find a replacement. It was agreed that this should be done, and that news releases be prepared and sent to the Mass. Selectmen's Association and the Mass. League of Cities & Towns to announce the vacancy.

Visitor inquires if Outdoor Loudspeaker Permission granted to Club.

At this point a visitor asked if the board had taken any action on the request of the Chelmsford Swimming and Tennis Club for permission to use an Outdoor Loudspeaker. Mr. Hart stated that the board had approved the request earlier this evening

Then Mr. Hart invited members of the press to ask questions regarding subject matter of the businees of the evening. First, Mrs. Anne Marie Kierce and later Mr. Jerry House and Mr. Gus Webster all expressed their regrets that Mr. Coburn had tendered his resignation, and they all stated that the Adm. Assist. had offered valuable assistance in the past from time to time to help them with their work of reporting the news stories of meetings of the board.

Members of the Press commend Adm. Assist. for past help.

Mrs. Anne Marie Kierce also stated that she would like to speak briefly about the events of the last meeting of the board when the Newsweekly reports were discussed, and when various criticisms were made. She stated that since that the last meeting she had received more than one hundred letters from readers about this matter, and she felt she could not speak at length of this subject at this time inasmuch as the Chairman is not present, and she felt it she should delay her comments until a future time. She commented that the Selectmen are doing their work, and she is doing her work, and she now felt the subject should be closed.

Reporter for the Newsweekly comments on past criticism of news items.

Then the reporters asked various questions about the business of the evening. Mr. Webster asked questions about the conflicting reports of amount of parking space available at the East Gate Shopping Center, since one study revealed one amount and the report of the Bldg. Insp. had revealed another amount. He asked if more details could be obtained to clarify the subject and Mr. Humphrey suggested he confer with the Bldg. Insp. Mr. Markham suggested that the board forward a message to the Bldg. Insp. to have him assist Mr. Webster in this matter. The board agreed that this should be done.

Discussion held re: Parking Facilities at East Gate Shopping Center.

A discussion followed regarding a news item in the Lowell Sun on Monday, July 10th, 1972 in which information was given that the board would take certain action on questions concerning liquor licenses at their July 10th meeting. Mr. Humphrey commented that he felt the write-up had given incorrect information. Mr. Webster stated he would check the subject as he had not written the article. Mr. Humphrey asked that corrective statements be made when subject matter is not accurate. A discussion did follow regarding the motions made at the June 26th meeting as it was felt that there should be further clarification of this subject.

Discussion held re: news item in Lowell Sun.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted by the members to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 P.M.

Meeting adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

On July 21st, 1972, the following-mentioned persons were drawn for Jury Service by Mr. Humphrey.

1. Robert J. Chernis, 181 Concord Road, For Criminal Court, East Cambridge
2. Joan C. St.Germain, 17 Wilson Street " " " "

Jurors Drawn.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by, A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Special Emergency Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, July 21, 1972; 9:00 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Hart, Vice Chairman, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Markham were present.
Mr. Hart presided.

State of Emergency Declared.

The Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the Civil Defense Commission, have declared as of 9:00 P.M. this evening, a state of emergency exists in the Town of Chelmsford due to a sevrre storm (tornado) having struck the town earlier this evening.

Survey of damage has been made.

Many homes damaged.

A joint survey of approximate damages has been made bt the Police, Fire, Civil Defense, Highway Departments and Board of Selectmen. It is roughly estimated that hundreds of trees are down causing traffic blockage, loss of electrical power, etc. Between fifty and one hundred homes throughout the town have been seriously damaged plus many business establishments in the North Chelmsford area.

Assistance received from other towns.

Assistance has been called for from the surrounding towns and they have responded. Work crews are now in town and will be working throughout the night. No reports as of this time of any bodily injury.

Police to assist with future traffic congestion.

Cooperation of public requested.

Damge estimated to be very high.

Traffic congestion is expected tomorrow and steps are being taken by the Police Department to deter same. The public's cooperation is requested in preventing same. Damages are estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and this estimate may be exceeded.

For the Board of Selectmen
by Howard E. Humphrey.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, July 24th, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters present.

The news media was represented by:
1. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 7:15 P.M.
2. Harold Sullivan of Lowell Radio Station WCAP arrived at 7:18 P.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 7:35 P.M.
4. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 7:50 P.M

All reporters remained at the meeting until time of adjournment at 10:20 P.M.

Selectmen vote to forego usual business and discuss Tornado Storm Damage.

Special Meeting of Board scheduled for route business

Mr. Lannan explained that he would request the board to forego the usual business of a Selectmen's Meeting so that the members could discuss at length the subject of the recent Tornado disaster which struck the Town of Chelmsford, on Friday, July 21st, 1972. It was stated that a pre-arranged Pole Location Hearing would be conducted, and a few other routine subjects, for which action was needed this evening, and then the meeting would be given over to discussions concerning the plans for relief due to storm damage. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to give most attention this evening to the events concerning the storm damage. Then it was decided to conduct a Special Meeting of the board members on Tuesday morning, at the upstairs Selectmen's meeting room, commencing at 11:30 A.M. to take up subjects of routine nature which had accumulated in the new business folder. This plan was approved by all members present.

Call for Equipment Bids authorized.

The board authorized the issuance of advertisements for a Call for Bids for a Sewer Rodding Machine for the Highway Dept., on Monday, August 7th, 1972.

Emergency Special Police Officers Appointed.

The Selectmen approved the appointment of various Police Department Officers from the City of Lowell, some fifty-one in number, as Special Police Officers to serve in an emergency, without pay from the town. (Terms to expire: 7/31/73.) per list on file.

Approval was given by the Board to the Chelmsford Swimming & Tennis Club of Robin Hill Road, for permission for use of an Outdoor Loudspeaker on July 29th, 1972, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for swimming meets.

Outdoor Loud speaker Permit Granted.

Then Mr. Lannan gave a detailed report of the events which took place in Chelmsford on the evening of July 21st, 1972, when a destructive Tornado struck various sections of the town, causing much property damage. Mr. Lannan stated that he wished to personally offer his sincere appreciation to the other members of the board who had assisted the many town officials and citizens that evening, to plan the relief work. Mr. Lannan stated that he had attended an EEA Seminar in Framingham on that date, and then late in the afternoon had departed for New Hampshire and he did not learn of the disaster until later, and on July 23rd, 1972 he returned to Chelmsford. Then Mr. Lannan told of the events which had taken place on July 24th, 1972 when plans were made for disaster relief. He reported that much help had been given the Selectmen by Mr. Charles Koulas and Mr. Walter Hedlund of the Civil Defense Committee, and Mr. Hedlund was present at the meeting this evening to further inform the board of new efforts which are planned to help townspeople. Mr. Lannan also reported that the town had received the services of three state Dept. of Public Works crews with equipment to assist with the clean-up work. Also the Community Teamwork, Inc. had offered the services of a large number of Neighborhood Youth Corps helpers, perhaps as many as forty young people, to assist in the town. Also, he continued, that other trucks with chain saws , and personnel would be available soon to help, and all this was made possible from Army Personnel at Fort Devens. Mr. Lannan reported that Senator Kennedy and Senator Brooke had assisted in these efforts and messages had come from the Governor's Office with offers to assist town officials. Mr. Lannan stated that he had learned that in order to qualify for Federal Assistance in certain categories, there must be at least $2,700,000. in damages, and then the proper federal officials would declare Chelmsford a disaster area. Then Mr. Lannan told of the work of eight EEA personnel who have been working and that a survey is now underway to determine all facts about public and private property damage, and names of property owners, locations and type and extent of damage is being compiled to ascertain the total amount of damage, and that this project may take as long as a week to gather. He said also that Mr. Bukley, the Deputy Regional Director for the Small Business Administration has made application to the Federal Government for declaring Chelmsford, Tyngsborough and Carlisle as Disaster areas, and that the final decision on this declaration had not been received at this time. He explained that the Selectmen had contacted the Governor's Office to determine if the Selectmen had acted properly in this matter, and that Mr. John Drew of the Governor's Office had reported that the Governor had been made aware of the tornado in Chelmsford via reports from the Civil Defense Agency of the state. Mr. Lannan again said that he was not available on Friday evening when a Special Meeting of the board was held to declare an emergency and for conferences on Saturday to make plans to call in help to meet the crisis but that Mr. Hart, the Vice Chairman of the board, had helped to a large degree. He said also the emergency conditions still exist at this hour, and because of such emergency conditions, the town is entitled to certain benefits such as possible help to citizens from the Small Business Administration. Mr. Lannan added that the Civil Defense Committee were now working to maintain public order, and to protect life and property, and that the Civil Defense Committee, with Charles S. Koulas and Walter Hedlund and members of the town Auxiliary Police have done a most creditable and exemplary piece of work, and that members of the Auxiliary Police Force had been on duty all week end and will be working into the forseeable future. Mr. Lannan stated that most town roads are now cleared and open but there are many uprooted trees, and these must be cleared, and that the Town Dump is reaching a critical stage as the amount of debris being brought in is of enormous quantity. Then Mr. Lannan invited Mr. Hart, the Vice Chairman, to speak. Mr. Hart then stated that he had worked closely to

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Discussion continues regarding Tornado Damage which struck the Town of Chelmsford on Friday, July 21st, 1972.

the problem since the beginning and he told of the work of members of the board, and that Mr. Lannan had been contacted and told about the disaster and that Mr. Lannan had offered to return hom from New Hampshire to assist, but it was decided this might not be necessary at the moment. Mr. Hart said it had been a trying time for everyone, and he was most thankful that there were no serious injuries sustained, nor fatalities. He added that the Fire, Police, Highway, Civil Defense, and Police Auxiliary Departments, as well as the Red Cross have all offered cooperation and help to assist the Selectmen. He told of the work of volunteers from the surrounding towns to help the towns-people and so many had assisted that it was impossible to mention each individually. He said that the maintenance crews from the Mass. Electric Co. and the New England Tel. & Tel. Company did a fantastic job to restore utility services. Mr. Hart stated also that the board has been dissatisfied with the assistance from the state with the exception of the Civil Defense Agency and the Department of Natural Resources, with help from Mr. Bruce Gullion. He also explained that the neighborhood help was excellent, and he said he was proud to be associated with people of this area, and he hoped that other towns would have similar cooperation and help. Mr. Humphrey stated he would agree with all that had been said by the previous speakers and he then added that a commendation and a word of appreciation should be mentioned relating to the service of our town employees who had done so much. Mr. Doody explained that the total volunteers working together and offering help to the citizens of the town has been fantastic, and has been a most significant experience to observe people helping people. Mr. Markham spoke and said it was unfortunate that Chelmsford was affected, and he was most impressed to see the volunteers and regular town help, with others, working together, in a common cause to help. He said an assessment of damage had been determined on Saturday. He then expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the regular workers who came forward to assist, and that more work is planned for the clean-up.

Hearing held and petition adopted for Pole Locations and Abandonment.

At 8:00 P.M. a hearing was held on the petition of the Mass. Elec. Co. and NET&TCo. for 2 Joint Pole Locations, and 1 Joint Pole Location Abandonment on Littleton Road, to serve Charles Vrouhas, Pet. #C-1215, dated 6/1/72. Mr. John H. Crane of the utility company was present to explain that the petition had been submitted for service to Charles Vrouhas where a motel will be located. There were no abutters present. No objections were heard to this petition. Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to adopt the petition.

Utility Company Representative thanks Adm. Assist. for help given.

At this point Mr. John H. Crane extended his appreciation to Mr. Coburn, the Adm. Assist., for the help given in the past by Mr. Coburn, and he said he hoped Mr. Coburn would find enjoyment in his retirement.

Conference postponed with Auto Dealer re: his request for unlimited license.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to postpone a conference with Mr. Eugene F. Lohnes, President of the Princeton Auto Sales, Inc., regarding his request for an unlimited Class II Auto Dealer License, to Monday, August 7th, 1972. (Later in the evening, Mr. Coburn conferred with Mr. Lohnes and it was learned at that time that Mr. Lohnes would not be available to meet on August 7th, and thus the conference would be scheduled for August 21st.)

Then Mr. Lannan stated again that the board would resume its discussions concerning storm damage and plans for the clean-up efforts, and that further work on the regular business of the board would be conducted on July 25th, 1972.

Boston Five Cent Savings Bank Officials offer to assist town residents re: Storm Damage.

Mr. Lannan at this point read a memorandum received from the Adm. Assist. relating to offers from representatives of the Boston Five Cent Savings Bank will be pleased to assist town residents who have sustained property damage due to the recent tornado, with loan information, waiver of principal payments for present mortgage holders, and advice for filing insurance claims, and they offered to be present at the proposed Public Information Meeting, scheduled for the near future.

Discussion re: financing of storm damage.

Mr. Lannan then read the contents aloud of a letter received from the Town Accountant regarding procedures to follow relating to the financing of costs of storm damage. It was suggested that the funds be authorized through town meeting vote and a careful accounting of all costs within the Police, Fire and Highway Depts. be kept so that all details will be easily available. Mr. Humphrey then made a suggestion that a Special Town Meeting be scheduled for Saturday morning, August 5th, 1972, at the High School Auditorium, commencing at 10:00 A.M. Then Mr. Humphrey moved that such a town meeting be held for the purpose of obtaining funds for Tornado Storm Relief. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Then Mr. Humphrey asked that the warrant contain no other business and that the board not accept any other articles for this particular meeting. Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion as amended and it was voted unanimously. Mr. Humphrey inquired if the sum of money for storm relief work must be included in the warrant article when posted.

Selectmen schedule Special Town Meeting for funds for storm relief.

Mr. Lannan reported also at this time that a conference had been held on Monday morning, July 23rd, 1972 at 11:15 A.M. with two representatives of the state Dept. of Public Utilities, Mr. Frank Ragiani, and Mr. Thomas G. Gill, and also representatives from the Penn Central Railroad Company concerning the present conditions of the railroad track beds which extend through Chelmsford, and particularly the area between Central Square and Route 110, Chelmsford Street. The railroad representatives were said to be Mr. Jarvis Fox and Mr. Ronald Chzanowsky. A report was given to the Selectmen that repairs and improvements would be made to the railroad track beds and that trains traveling through this are would proceed at a speed limite of ten miles per hour until repairs are completed, and that the Police Dept. would make spot checks to see if the trainmen are observing this speed limit. Mr. Hart offered to confer with the Police Chief to be certain that trains do travel at a slow rate of speed for the time being. It was stated that the track repairs would commence immediately.

Report given re: state DPU and Penn Central Railroad Track Inspection and that repairs to be made.

Mr. Lannan continued to inform the board of other events relating to plans for storm damage relief which had taken place on Monday, July 24th, 1972. He stated that Mr. George J. Sheehan and Mr. William J. Shugrue of the state Dept. of Commerce had come to Chelmsford with offers to help and assist the townspeople. He said that Senator Ronald C. MacKenzie had been present and offered assistance, and the Neighborhood Youth Corps workers had come to town to help and they will be bussed to Chelmsford and Mr. Eliopoulos, Director, of the program had assisted greatly. Also, Mr. Lannan continued, Mr. Mallard of the state Dept. of Public Health, had been present. Then Mr. Lannan stated that Mr. Thomas Wirtanen of the Neighborhood Youth Corps was present to report to the board of work done by his group. Mr. Wirtanen then informed the board of the work being done by his group to get them together, and their plans for work during the coming week. He said that the cost of this voluntee work to the town would be substantial and will result it quite a financial saving for the town. Then Mr. Wirtanen thanked Mr. Coburn for past assistance given to him now that he plans to retire. Mr. Lannan said that Mr. Walter Hedlund, a member of the local Civil Defense Committee, was present to give a report. Mr. Hedlund spoke and told the board members of the problems which the town now has at the town dump, were large amounts of debris have been grought in and that state officials have inspected the area. He said that the volume of tree material presents a ghastly problem, and that a burning permit may be obtained, with controls for drying and burning the material by the Highway and Fire Departments. He said that much clean-up work may be done in the next two days, and we are on the road to recovery now. He added that the state civil defense area division representatives had been in Chelmsford today. Mr. Hart commented that the town owes a debt of thanks to Mr. Walter Hedlund for his efforts as a Civil Defense Committee Members and for his efforts to obtain help from the Red Cross. Mr. Lannan told the board that Mr. Bruce Gullion of the state Dept. of Natural Resources is present this evening, and he said the town has a need for more chain saws and he asked if the state DNR had some available. Mr. Bruce Gullion stated that there was a possibility that some might be available, but there would be difficulty to find persons able to handle them. He said he would try to find this type of equipment and would notify the board about this on July 25th, 1972. Mr. Lannan asked if anyone was present who would like to ask any questions. Mr. John Gallagher of 3 Edgelawn Avenue spoke and said he does need help to remove trees and stumps. Mr. Lannan suggested that Mr. Gallagher bring the material to the edge of the oroperty as it was questionable if the town can go onto private property now, but perhaps later, some arrangements can

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be made. Then Mr. Lannan gave official notice to the press that the public should be informed not to use the regular telephone number of the office of the Board of Selectmen to report storm damage, but instead to call the Office of the Planner, at 256-4310, as this is the office where all information is being gathered for preparation of the survey reports, and to make plans for work to be done. Mr. Bruce Gullion informed the board that he will try to bring in a state DNR forester for advice and assistance. Mr. Robert Abrahamson spoke of the work needed to be done at property located at 20 & 22 Newfield Street, as the roof of his garage was now resting on the property of a neighbor. This information and that of Mr. Gallagher will be forwarded to the Office of the Planner for the survey records. Mr. Humphrey asked the board members if a town policy should now be formulated to help residents to remove trees. Mr. Lannan suggested that the board commit the town to help town residents in this work. Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimosly to have the Selectmen go on record to commit the town to help town residents with needed clean-up work. Mr. Hart commented that it will take time to fulfill this goal, and Mr. Doody expressed the thought that he believed the town has an obligation to help. Mr. Markham agreed to the intent of the motion and he said the town may have to pay most of such costs. He continued by saying that the first item of priority would be for street clearance work, and he then questioned the capability of the town to remove the stumps. He added that insurance coverages by the property owners would cover cost of removal of trees on buildings, and repairs to the buildings. It was stated that Mr. Lannan and Mr. Hart would visit the Middlesex County Training School on Tuesday, July 25th, 1972 at 9:00 A.M. to confer with the Supt., Mr. McMahon, regarding the use of volunteer clean-up workers, all students at the school. Mr. Hart explained that the students would like to volunteer to help and we do appreciate their offer. All members of the board approved this plan and felt it was an excellent idea. Then Mr. Lannan asked for any comments by the board members relating to the storm and subsequent plans for clean-up work. Mr. Hart referred to the state and federal assistance programs and that help is needed homeowners and business firms. Mr. Humphrey stated that after the survey report of all damages is completed and received by the board, the representatives of the Small Business Administration should be invited to come to Chelmsford to explain procedures to be followed by property owners who had sustained storm damage and wished to apply for SBA Loans. He suggested that the meeting be held at the High School with various government and business representatives, and the public be invited to attend. Then Mr. Humphrey cited the severe damage done to a residence on Sierra Drive and he said that if all salvageable material had been moved out, the debris could then be piled up, and the Police can be relieved of duty at this location. Mr. Lannan suggested that the board ask the Bldg. Insp. to inspect this property and to contact the insurance company to see if demolition work can be now accomplished. Mr. Humphrey reported that contact had been made with the Governor's Office today, and that the Selectmen had worked until 4:00 A.M. on Saturday, and he was pleased to find that some governmental agencies had responded to our needs, but no personal contact had been made with the Governor to date, and this storm was unlike the Crystal Lake disaster, as the Governor had visited the town and inspected the lake bed area. Mr. Doody reported that he will be working with personnel from the Youth Center who will help with the clean-up work. Mr. Markham offered his thanks to the volunteers and town workers, and he commented on the contacts made with local officials from the offices of Senators Brooke and Kennedy to have the SBA officials help us, and to Major Bleiler at Fort Devens, and that Army vehicles will assist and that the state CD agency must approve this plan. Mr. Markham further said that the board had declared an emergency at 9:00 P.M. on July 21st, 1972, and he commented that it now might be best if the Fire Chief prepared an announcement for the general public to explain the signals that are used to call help to the station, inasmuch as there had been some confusion, lack of proper knowledge. Mr. Humphrey stated that there had been problems of notification of town officials when a disaster, or serious situation developes, but the calls and information to go out, should commence with the Police Department; then to the Civil Defense Committee and then to the Selectmen. Mr. Doody then told the board of the events that had occurred on Friday, July 21st, 1972, and how he eventually learned of the full extent of the problem on Saturday. Mr. Humphrey stated that the Civil Defense

Committee had a disaster plan in existence which was formulated sometime ago. Mr. Lannan spoke about a previous storm, on Wednesday, July 19th, 1972, when a section of Graniteville Road collapsed, due to the breaking of a culvert under the road, and that repairs are now underway and the project will be a costly one; perhaps as much as four to five thousand dollars. Mr. Hart said the Highway Department personnel should be commended for their excellent work in this matter. Mr. Humphrey stated that a claim had been received from Mr. Ralph J. Hulslander, III, of 74 Smith Street, whose car had been damaged due to the collapse of the road, and the claim should now be forwarded to the Town Counsel for his study and decision to learn the town's responsibility in this matter. It was agreed that the Town Counsel should work on this subject. Mr. Hart stated he felt that Sen.MacKenzie had done much to help and his work should be acknowledged. This concluded the discussions regarding storm damage.

Discussions continue regarding storm damage

Mr. Lannan opened the meeting at this point for new business. Mr. Hart informed the board that the scheduled meeting of the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee would be postponed from July 26th, 1972 to a new date to be announced later. Mr. Hart asked if the board would approve a plan to release the funds appropriated in late 1971 for Engineering Study for the restoration of Crystal Lake, now that a new bill had been passed in the state legislature for financing of such a project with state funds. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve the release of such funds for this purpose and to so notify the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee. Mr. Hart stated further that he had scheduled a Press Conference for July 31st, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. at the Selectmen's Office to explain publicly his participation as a member of the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee and to express his views and opinions about this subject since the new bill had been approved by the legislature.

Discussion held regarding Crystal Lake Restoration Project.

The next item of new business was the subject of liquor licenses and Mr. Humphrey spoke on this subject and said that several weeks ago action was introduced but not acted upon and he would not like to present a proposal to the board. He then said he would move to have the board go on record to agree to take no new action on the two new all alcoholic, retail package goods store licenses available until April 1973. He then offered the following explanation to support the motion. He said his opinion on this matter was based on the following-mentioned reasons and he hoped the board members would accept his opinion. First, in the case of the application of Ted's Market, Inc., by Julia Chianis, Manager, he stated that if the board acted out of sympathy in such matters, he felt the board would not be fulfilling its duty, and the board members must vote in accordance with their own conscience and belief. In this particular case the type of operation and type of building, used also as a residence, was taken into consideration. In the case of the application of Matt Doyle, Inc., by Matthew Doyle and Robert Sullivan, he explained that he had received a call and visit from Mr. Doyle relating to his plans to file an application and he said I gave him details about procedures. He continued by saying he voted in the negative on this subject as he felt elected town officials should not be a part of such a license, and a precedent did exist and he felt in a previous case there was a conflict of interest when it involved an elected official, but he was over ruled in that particular incident, but he felt the same way today. Mr. Humphrey further said in the case of Charles Vrouhas, d/b/a Hi-Way Farm Market, a zoning problem does exist insofar as this application is concerned, and the requirements of the law have not been met regarding the tourist home. He said the Board of Health have commented that the subject is a political matter, and he said the Board of Health has not assumed their responsibility in this matter, nor has the state and that the use of the premises for an apartment house is also a violation. In the case of the application from Henry J. and Mary E. Finneral, d/b/a Center Liquor Mart, there was a unanimous vote and consistent number of reasons given to deny the license. In the case of the application from the East Gate Liquor Mart, Inc., William Burliss, Manager, Mr. Humphrey stated he would vote the same again if a new application was received. He cited reasons for feeling this way; stating there had been no violations in past experiences while op-

Selectmen take action to not accept future applications for granting of All Alcoholic, Retail Package Goods Store Licenses until 1973.

Selectmen discuss subject of procedures to follow relating to future applications for liquor licenses.

erating liquor stores, and the location was in a shopping area, and that only one abutter had not been notified. In the case of the application of James N., Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, d/b/a Chelmsford Village Liquor Mart, he said he felt he could not do otherwise than to approve the application and grant the license. He said that there is now a plan on file that shows the applicants can comply with all zoning by-law requirements. In the case of the application of Chelmsford Wine Shop, James C. Harrington, Manager, for a transfer of the location of the store from 37 Central Square to 18 Boston Road, it was not possible to approve this request after favorable action had been taken on the Wooster application, as we cannot have a second store located so closely to another such store. He said these are all reflections of mine, and I see no reason to change my mind about these matters until April 1973. He said I cannot tell what the feelings of the other members would be; I can only know that I can not vote in any other way. He said he would abstain on future voters. Then Mr. Humphrey said that during April 1973 he would not be a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he would not be a candidate for office, and he would leave the matter to another board to decide. Mr. Humphrey then referred to the Harrington license again stating that they could now resubmit their application and I would take action on that application based on the application and presentation, and I would require evidence of good faith in the transfer, and he would have no objection to the refiling of such an application. Mr. Lannan called for a seconding of the motion. Mr. Markham seconded the motion. Mr. Markham referred to Section 17, of the Liquor Control Act which, he said, authorizes the board to bring up the subject later, and he said he would agree to have the board go on record now to not accept applications for liquor license, all alcoholic package stores until April 1973. He said that originally he wanted no date in such a motion, but he is now in agreement with setting a date. He continued by saying that a fair study and review is now needed by the board to consider its previous action, and the Selectmen have other more important items of business, and this is not a priority type item. He said the town should be planning storm repair work, and such a motion to delay further action on liquor licenses might improve the image of the town. Mr. Markham said again, I do second the motion and he referred to Sec. 17 again. Mr. Humphrey explained that the board can accept an application, hold a hearing and use this reason for a decision to deny. Mr. Markham suggested that the Town Counsel review the motion, and he explained that the ABCC had given the opinion that the board can return an application with such a reason. Mr. Lannan made comments at this point and he referred to the statement of Mr. Markham regarding the "image" of the town and he said that he had noticed numerous persons attending regularly the meetings of the board, and he was more interested in the 30,000 residents of the town, and their impression of its "image" than the twenty, fifty or one hundred that attend our meetings. He said that he did not favor this motion, and he emphasized that he favored free enterprise, and the granting of such licenses where available. He suggested that the board might like to consider the other types of licenses granted by the board, and perhaps they, too, should be held on an exclusive basis. Mr. Lannan asked that if licenses be available, they be issued on their merits, and not issued if deemed not advisable. Then he referred to the municipal-type license, as had been mentioned at an earlier meeting, and he referred to a statement at a previous meeting whereby it was stated that Reading, Mass. has municipal-controlled package stores. He said he had investigated this subject and found that the Town of Reading has no such licenses, and that through investigation it had been learned that such a plan is unconstitutional and a ruling is being awaited from the Attorney General. Mr. Lannan then spoke of the Wooster License application which had been granted, and information sent to the ABCC about the board's decision, and the ABCC had not returned the Wooster license application as they had said they would do. He then, in conclusion, said the present holders of such licenses are now protected by the exclusion now planned. Mr. Doody spoke and gave some background information on this subject, and he said he would agree to the motion to delay action until April 1973, and he then spoke about the subject of separating the work of the Selectmen and establishing a Licensing Board and the two would be separate and handle different functions. In regard to the setting up of municipal stores, Mr. Doody said, he hoped the board would make a formal written inquiry about this subject. He said there is a need to explain the positions of the board and perhaps the town residents should decide the question on a ballot referendum. Mr. Doody also advised that the Town Counsel should report on the legality of having municipal liquor licenses, controlled by the town, and the referendum requestion, and that a letter be sent to the Selectmen of Reading to determine all the details about their experience to establish municipal controled liquor stores. Mr. Humphrey commented that no shadows are being cast on the image of the board, and now the question is his mind would be the creditability of this board. Then Mr. Lannan called for the vote on the motion of Mr. Humphrey. All members voted in favor of the motion and a unanimous vote was recorded. Mr. Markham moved that the board should now request a legal opinion be obtained from the Town Counsel relating to the action just taken by the board on the receipt of future liquor license applications. He posed the question if the board can return such applications and he asked that the board now notify the ABCC of the vote to take no action on issuance of new licenses for all alcoholic, retail package goods stores. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan appeared to have reservations about obtaining advice of counsel at this time, and he inquired as to what ABCC will do by holding two hearings on August 1st, 1972, on the Wooster and Harrington cases, when the board had voted earlier to resind its votes on these applications. He said he could not understand why the ABCC would now hold such hearings when the Selectmen did vote to rescind its action. Mr. Humphrey explained that the ABCC had not been notified at the time of such action, due to a misunderstanding by the Adm. Assist., but the letter had recently been sent to the ABCC with all this information. Mr. Markham then offered his reasons why he thought the ABCC are now conducting such hearings. Finally Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion of Mr. Markham and it was voted unanimously. Mr. Doody moved, at this point, to have the Town Counsel study the subject, and make a review, and submit legal advice as to the procedure to be followed to have a separate licensing authority, and separate these duties from that the of the Board of Selectmen, and to ask the question if such a separation can be legally done. Mr. Humphrey expressed the thought that such a plan would not be legal and, therefore, he could not support the motion. He added that the only way to legally implement such a plan, would be the filing of a bill in the legislature. Mr. Markham then said he would second the motion with some reservations. He further explained that he had discussed the subject with the Charter Commission and he suggested that the Town Counsel now inquire if we could have the Charter Commission include such a plan in their proposed charter, and to also ask that the Town Counsel look into the subject of having elected officials, rather than appointed officials, serve on the licensing authority. Mr. Doody then said that it might be advisable to send a copy of the minutes of this discussion and votes to the Town Counsel, so that he would be aware of all the points brought up during the discussion. Mr. Hart stated that he would be opposed to the motion as he believed that the Selectmen should handle this work, and these duties are a part of the job of the Selectmen. Mr. Lannan said he was not opposed to the motion, but he did not know if it is legal, and he would not want the board to give up any of its responsibilities. Then Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion. Those voting in favor were Mr. Doody, Mr. Markham and Mr. Lannan. Those voting against the motion were Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Hart. Then Mr. Humphrey read an excerpt from the law book about the duties of the board insofar as license requirements are concerned. Mr. Doody asked at this point in the form of a motion, for the board to approve the sending of a letter of inquiry to the Town of Reading Selectmen to ask for information about the action they may have taken to establish municipal-controlled liquor establishments in Reading. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion . Mr. Markham read some information to the board about the Reading case as he said he had made an inquiry earlier. Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion and it was voted unanimously that the inquiry should be sent to the Selectmen of Reading.

Selectmen discuss and vote on several matters pertaining to future procedures for receipt of applications for certain types of liquor licenses.

Notice read regarding ABCC hearings

Mr. Markham spoke of the scheduled hearings to be conducted by the ABCC in Boston on August 1st, 1972 relating to the applications of James N. Wooster, Jr. and Roberta A. Wooster, d/b/a Chelmsford Village Liquor Mart, and the request for transfer of location of license of Chelmsford Wine Shop, Inc., James C. Harrington, Manager. Mr. Lannan then read aloud the contents of the official notice from ABCC that such hearings will be held. Mr. Humphrey

Town Counsel instructed to represent board at ABCC Hearings.

moved that the board should, if the hearings are held, instruct the Town Counsel to be present and represent the Selectmen at this hearing. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Member requests that item of regular business be discussed at this session. Board disapproves this request.

Mr. Markham asked the board to consider the subject of heavy truck traffic on Stedman Street and Dalton Road, now that the Police Report had been received. Then Mr. Markham asked that the board consider this item of regular business this evening. Mr. Hart spoke and moved that this subject not be taken up during this evening's business meeting. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Lannan called for a vote. Those voting in favor were Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan. Mr. Markham stated he was opposed to the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Questions asked by reporters.

Mr. Lannan invited the press representatives to ask questions which they might have at this point. Several questions were placed before the board to clarify certain items of business.

Meeting adjourns.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 P.M.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by
Adm. Assist.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, July 25th, 1972; 11:30 A.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Markham arrived at approximately 11:45 A.M. Mr. Lannan presided. Mr. Lannan outlined the procedure to be followed; stating that the items of business would consist of routine matters which the board had been unable to work on at regular meeting held Monday, July 24th, 1972.

Business procedures for this meeting outlined.

Reporters present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 11:20 A.M.
2. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 11:30 A.M.
3. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly arrived at 11:35 A.M.

Future meeting schedule adopted.

The regular meeting schedule for the month of August 1972 was approved, and meetings will be conducted on Monday, August 7th, and Monday, August 21st, 1972.

Use of Center Town Hall Approved.

Approval was given for the use of the upper room of the Center Town Hall on Wednesday evening, August 2nd, 1972, between the hours of 7:30 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. by the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen for their monthly muster.

Request made that the owners of Apartment House Property take steps to better control the premises.

Mr. Hart requested that a letter be forwarded to the owners of the Carriage House Apartment House property on Boston Road, to inform them that various complaints had been received by the board relating to the use of this property by tenants, and that owners of nearby properties had complained to representatives of the management, and the response and assistance had been poor. Mr. Hart asked that the letter contain the statement that the board would like to see prompt improvements in the use of these premises, and that a better control of the premises be exercised by the management, and that the Police Department personnel will be promptly called in the future to quell any disturbances. It was also decided to instruct the Police Chief to take all necessary steps to handly such situations in the future. It was agreed that these steps should be taken.

Application for storage of inflammables to be returned.

A letter and application was received from the Silicon Transistor Corporation for the storage of hydrogen and oxygen at their premises at KSC Way. It was decided to return the applications with instructions for certain requirements that must now be met, and that the application when completed must first be filed with the Fire Chief. The board agreed that these instructions should be given.

A letter was received from Mr. James K. Rogers of 60 Old Stage Road, in which he informed the board that he would be unable to accept the appointment as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council. It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Chairman, Dr. Ethel N. Kamien, to see if they would want to submit the name of a nominee for appointment to fill this vacancy.

Member of Environmental Advisory Council declines appointment.

Official notice was received from the state Dept. of Public Works informing town officials that there will be a discontinuance of cooperative plowing of snow during the coming winter months of 1972-1973. It was decided that notice of this action should be forwarded to the Supt. of Streets, so that he will plan to adjust his schedule accordingly inasmuch as this cooperative assistance will no longer be available.

State discontinues assistance for cooperative snow plowing.

An application was received for appointment as an Election Officer from Mrs. Anna E. Hadley of 64 School Street. It was decided to place the application on file, for future reference when a vacancy occurs.

Application received for Election Off. work.

A request was received from the Sec'y. of the Commonwealth for a character reference concerning George M. Luoto, of 47 Chelmsford Street, an incorporator of the Lowell Area Ministries to People, Inc., to be located in Lowell. It was decided to forward the subject to the Police Dept. for a character and police report.

Character reference requested.

A request was received for installation of a street light from Sandra Boroyan, of Doral Drive, on Pole No. 13. It was decided to place the matter on file, and later to forward the request with others on hand to the Office of the Planner for a street light survey.

Street Light Requested.

A questionnaire was received from the Mass. Sel. Assn. regarding various subjects, such as recycling of solid wastes, allocation of funds for payment of costs for underground electric wiring, etc. and the Adm. Assist. was asked to prepare answers to these questions and return the inquiry to the association.

Questionaire received.

The Selectmen received, and accepted with regret, a letter of resignation from Mrs. Elizabeth H. Teeven, as Chairman and regular member of the Zoning Appeal Board. It was decided to forward a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Teeven for the work and contributions made to the town.

Zoning Appeal Board Member resigns.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Dog Leash Law Study Committee, Mr. William L. Ary, in which he stated that the Committee had contacted both applicants for appointment as Dog Officer, to meet with the committee for purpose of interview, and both persons had failed to respond. Mr. Ary then informed the board that the committee did feel that the interviewing of candidates for such an appointment was outside of the scope of the proper work of this committee, and the committee requested that it not be involved any further in the selection of a new Dog Officer. It was decided to hold this matter in the new business folder for the next regular meeting of the board.

Dog Leash Law Study Committee declines to consider appointment of new Dog Officer.

A letter was received from Mr. Curtis C. Knight of 15 Stonehill Road, who asked for assistance in alleviating a drainage problem at a brook near his home. He complained that the town had not done sufficient amount of work from time to time. Mr. Lannan read the file of past correspondence about this case, including a previous letter of thanks for help the town had given, and Mr. Lannan commented that the letter presently before the board was strictly uncalled for. It was finally decided to notify the Supt. of Streets to do the needed work, when present emergency Tornado Damage Relief work ends, and to so notify Mr. Knight of this decision.

Complaint received regarding drainage problem and need for work by Highway Dept

A letter was received from Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald, Planner for the Highway Dept., in which he outlined various recommendations for repairs and improvements of electrical facilities at the Center Town Hall. It was decided to ask that cost estimates be obtained for this work, so that the board can learn determine the extent of such expenses, if the work is approved, at a later date.

Cost Estimates to be obtained fo electrical improvements at CTH

Army Personnel to help with storm clean-up work. SBA office may be opened in the town.

Mr. Lannan informed the board members at this time that he has learned that equipment and personnel will be moved into Chelmsford from Fort Devens and that assistance will be given to town officials and residents by Army Personnel to help with Tornado Storm Damage relief work. Mr. Markham also stated that he understood there is a possibility that the Small Business Administration officials might set up a local office to process loan applications for victims of the Tornado Storm Damage.

Report rec'd. re: purchase of Air Conditioners.

A report was received from the Purchasing Officer of the town with respect to the plan to purchase air conditioning units for use at the Center Town Hall. It was decided to hold the report for receipt of a copy of the specifications which are now being prepared.

Complaint received re: placing of advertising flyers at shopping center.

A letter was received from Mr. Daniel H. Miley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, of the J. M. Fields, Inc. store, in which a complaint was registered about acts of various persons from time to time, to place advertising flyers on cars of customers, while parked at the Fields Shopping area, and that such practice causes work to clean up the area, and often times the products advertised do compete with products available at the Fields Store. Mr. Miley asked if the board would be able to initiate any action to prevent this practice in the future. It was decided to hold the subject for the next meeting of the board when all members would be present. Mr. Lannan commented that a town by-law might be needed to control such a matter.

Traffic Safety Signs approved for Mill Road Area.

A report was received from the Police Department with a recommendation that certain "Slow-Children" and 30MPH Speed Limit signs be installed at or near 240 Mill Road, in response to the original request of Mr. Earl Bomengen of 238 Mill Road. The board members approved the recommendation and instructions will now be sent to the Highway Dept. to prepare and install the needed signs.

Report rec'd. from Police Dept. re: traffic safety surveys on Westford Street.

A detailed police department report was received concerning the traffic safety patrols which had been made along Westford Street, in response to the petitions received by the Selectmen, from residents in the area. It was stated that quite a number of motorists had been stopped on Westford Street, for speeding, and it was found that many resided in the immediate area of the petitioners. It was decided to so inform the principal signer and persons who initiated the petitions that many of the violations were caused by these residents, and that the Police Dept. would continue to conduct traffic surveys, from time to time, in this area, as a further safety precaution.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Supt. of Training School for Storm Damage Assistance.

The board members asked that a letter of thanks and acknowledgement be sent to Mr. James McMahon, Supt. of the Middlesex County Training School, at North Chelmsford for his cooperation, and for the help given by a number of the students to assist with the Tornado Damage. It was stated that a number of the boys had offered to help and the assistance which had been given was substantial.

Report received regarding use of Divco Truck of Police Department.

The board received a report from the Police Chief concerning background information about the Divco Truck which had been made available to the department quite sometime ago. Chief Germann stated that the truck had been given, be believed, to the Police Auxiliary and had been taken to a private garage regarding needed work, but it was found that the repairs were considerable, and it was deemed not advisable to do the work. He further reported the truck had been transferred to the Highway Garage. It was decided that the truck should remain at the highway garage and that perhaps voluntary repairs could be made from time to time in the future by the Police Auxiliary or the Civil Defense Department. Mr. Lannan reported also that the Purchasing Officer has now checking into the possibility of obtaining a used postal truck at an auction for use by the Dog Officer.

Discussion held regarding traffic restrictions on Stedman St. and Dalton Road.

A report was received from the Police Department with respect to the efforts of the officers relating to reduction of heavy traffic use on Dalton Road and Stedman Street, and to report that it might be difficult to restrict such use as other residents in different areas might make similar requests. Mr. Lannan stated that there have been numerous requests from residents of the Graniteville Road, School St. and Main Street areas. He cited the problems which had ensued with the North Road heavy traffic restrictions, and that it had taken many months to obtain DPW approval. He stated further that new similar requests must be forwarded to the state DPW as well as requests to lower speed limits. Also at this time the board read a letter with petition from many residents of the Stedman St. Dalton Road area requesting that action be taken at a future town meeting to restrict thru heavy trucking. It was decided that the subject should be taken up at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Markham agreed to this plan but he also asked that the board now initiate some prompt action and that a letter be forwarded to the Glenview Sand & Gravel Co. of Stedman St. to ask that they instruct their drivers to use other access roads rather than Stedman St. and Dalton Road whenever possible. It was finally agreed by the other members present that this letter should be sent, and that replies be sent to those persons who had sent letters about this matter so they will be informed of the actions of the board to date.

Discussion held and decision made to request commercial firm to limit use of certain town roads for heavy truck traffic.

Mr. Markham then asked that a request be sent to the Police Chief to ask that a complete town-wide survey be made of all "Stop" signs in order to have them validated and legal, and which would enable officers to enforce the sign orders in the future. Mr. Lannan and Mr. Hart agreed to approve this suggestion.

Survey requested for all "Stop" signs

Mr. Markham also asked that copies of a certain letter recently received from the state Dept. of Public Utilities, which required that state agency to reduce certain expenses of the department, and thus would not permit the employees to come to Chelmsford for a needed conference, be sent to Senator MacKenzie and Representative Freeman, so that they would be aware of possible curtailment of services in the future. It was agreed that these letters should be sent.

State Legislators to be informed about some state reductions in service.

At this point Mr. Lannan invited the press reporters to ask any questions which they might have about the business conducted at this meeting. A few questions were asked.

Press invited to ask questions.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Markham, it was voted by the members present to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

On July 27th, 1972 a request was received from Mr. James A. Sullivan, Chairman of the School Building Committee, to ask if the board would grant permission to the Committee to engage the services of the Town Counsel, to obtain legal advice concerning bidding and contract award to sub-contractors of High School, air conditioning and ventilation work. The Selectmen on July 27th, 1972 granted this permission.

School Bldg. Committee authorized to engage services of Town Counsel.

On August 1st, 1972, the following-mentioned Jurors were drawn by Mr. Lannan:

1. Gerald Silver, 95 Acton Road, For Lowell Superior Court.
2. Robert V. Shea, 213 Concord Road, For East Cambridge Superior Court.

Jurors Drawn.

On August 3rd, 1972, a Temporary Wines & Malt Beverage License was granted to the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club, Inc., 160 Mill Road, for Sunday, August 20th, 1972, for Annual Clam Bake. Fee: $0.50

License Granted.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by AHCoburn
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, August 7th, 1972; 7:30 P.M.

Members present.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters Present.

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly. She arrived at 7:30 P.M. and departed at 7:40 P.M. Then she returned at 8:45 P.M. and remained until conclusion of the meeting.
2. *Fred Faust of Radio Station WCAP, Lowell, arrived at 8:45 P.M.
3. *Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel arrived at 8:47 P.M.
4. *Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun arrived at 9:00 P.M.

*Indicates these reporters remained at meeting until time of adjournment.

Proclamation signed to offer support for a Sports Program.

At 7:30 P.M. a Proclamation was signed, and photographs were taken of the ceremony for publicity purposes for the Sports Program to be held during September 1972 and to be sponsered by the Chelmsford Police Association. Mr. John Ryan of Creative Promotions was present. Also present were Police Chief Robert E. Germann and Officer Mark Burlamachi. Mr. Lannan and Mr. Markham were present during this ceremony.

Members depart to attend special town meeting.

Then Mr. Lannan and Mr. Markham left the meeting room so that they could attend the Special Town Meeting scheduled for 8:00 P.M. at the High School Auditorium. Later all five members of the board returned to the Selectmen's meeting room at approximately 8:45 P.M.

Bids opened and forwarded to Supt. of Streets and Purchasing Officer for Purchase of a Sewer Rodding Machine.

At 8:00 P.M. Sealed Bids were opened by the Administrative Assistant, Mr. Coburn, for the purchase of a Sewer Rodding Machine for the Highway Department. The Purchasing Officer, Mr. Robert E. Olson, was also present. Also present was Mr. John McDermott of the J. F. Mc Dermott Co., Inc. The bids are listed as follows:

1.	J. F. McDermott Co., Inc.,	$4,043.00
2.	Bahr Sales & Service, Inc.,	4,489.00
3.	O'Brien Manufacturing Company,	3,340.00

Later in the evening the Chairman, Mr. Lannan, announced to the press and those present that the bids had been received and the amounts of each bid were read aloud. The board agreed to take the bids under advisement, and to forward same to the Supt. of Streets and Purchasing Officer for their study and recommendations.

Future meeting schedule adopted.

The board adopted the regular meeting schedule for the month of September 1972. It was decided to hold future meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 6th, 1972, Monday, September 11th, 1972, Monday, September 18th, 1972 and Monday, September 25th, 1972.

Ceremony planned for next meeting.

A request was received that a ceremony be held on Monday evening, August 21st, 1972 at 7:30 for distribution of the first ticket for a dance to be sponsered by the Little League Auxiliary on Sept. 16th, 1972. The board agreed to approve this request and schedule the appointment with Auxiliary members and Little Leaguers.

Use of Outdoor Loudspeaker approved.

Approval was granted to the Chelmsford Swimming & Tennis Club, Inc., of Robin Hill Road, for the use of an Outdoor Loudspeaker on August 18th, 1972 and August 19th, 1972 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. for swimming meets.

Certificates of character signed for Incorporators.

Character references were signed for the Secretary of the Commonwealth relating to incorporators of new corporations listed as follows:

1. For the Lowell Area Ministries, Inc., to be located in Tewksbury, Mass.
   (a) George M. Luoto, of 47 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, Mass.
2. For the Nashoba Valley Riders, Inc., to be located at 219 Dunstable Road, North Chelmsford, Mass.
   (a) Louis J. Guilmette, 219 Dunstable Road, Chelmsford, Mass.
   (b) Allen M. Wells, 11 Crosby Lane, Chelmsford, Mass.
   (c) James A. Sousa, 32 Glen Avenue, Chelmsford, Mass.

In each case the board had received a character and police report from the Police Department.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26th, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10th, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the special meeting held July 21st, 1972.

Minutes approved and accepted.

It was decided to postpone the approval and acceptance of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24th, 1972 and a special meeting held July 25th, 1972, to allow the members additional time to read the material.

Acceptance of minutes postponed.

Mr. Lannan at this point stated that the board would now take time to offer official recognition and its sincere appreciation to Alfred H. Coburn, the Administrative Assistant, for his long service to the town and to the various past Boards of Selectmen. Mr. Lannan expressed the thoughts of the board by saying that he was one of the finest clerks the town will ever have, and that he had been a tremendous asset to the town, and a gentleman who had lent dignity to the office. Mr. Lannan then read aloud the message received from his Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, Francis W. Sargent, in the form of a framed citation, stating that Alfred H. Coburn had earned the respect and gratitude of the townspeople. Then Mr. Hart made a presentation to Mr. Coburn, in behalf of the board, of a silver Paul Revere Bowl, engraved with an inscription:

> "Alfred H. Coburn, in Appreciation of 25 years of Service to the Town of Chelmsford, 1947 - 1972, from the Board of Selectmen."

Then Mr. Jerry House asked to be allowed to make a presentation to Mr. Coburn. He stated that the reporters of each of the newspapers did want to express their appreciation to Mr. Coburn for his assistance in the past and he announced that the three local newspaper reporters wanted to present a plaque to Mr. Coburn. Mr. House stated the plaque message will read:

> "In recognition of his many efforts toward making possible better local reporting. The Chelmsford Newsweekly, The Chelmsford Sentinel and The Lowell Sun."

Then a photograph of the ceremony was taken for a news release. Mr. Coburn made appropriate statements of thanks and appreciation for this most pleasant surprise.

Administrative Assistant honored by members of the Board of Selectmen and local Reporters.

The board then considered the request of Mr. Peter Stuckart, of the W. T. Grant Co. to open their Garden Shop for a period of eight Sundays, commencing Sept. 3rd, 1972 through Oct. 22nd, 1972, to sell plants, and garden products. Mr. Humphrey moved to grant the permission, in accordance with the recommendations of the Police Chief. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The board then discussed whether it would be best to grant the permission now that an inquiry has been made of the Bldg. Insp. to determine if the use of the garden shop, and area due to parking requirements, is legal. It was decided that the permit should be given while the use is valid. Mr. Markham stated that he felt the report from the Building Inspector is needed and is important and related to the request at hand. Mr. Lannan then called for a vote. Those voting in favor of the motion included Mr. Hart, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Doody and Mr. Lannan.. Mr. Markham voted against the motion. Then Mr. Markham moved that the board send a follow-up message to the Building Inspector to ask for the information the board had previously requested regarding the East Gate Shopping Center Garden Shop. Mr. Hart seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Local Retail Store Granted Permission to Open Garden Shop on Sundays during Sept. and Oct. 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint Mrs. Eleanor B. Mulvey of 317 Old Westford Road, as a member of the Chelmsford Anti Litter Committee, as a representative from the Chelmsford Garden Club.

Member of Anti-Litter Committee Appointed.

Repairs authorized for culvert on Locke Road.

On a motion by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Supt. of Streets to proceed with the work for replacing of a stone box culvert on Locke Road. Mr. Markham asked that the department do the work as soon as funds are available.

Subject of needed rail transportation service discussed.

A letter was received from the Citizens for Rail Transportation Group regarding the need for public rail transportation, and the efforts of this group to organize support. Mr. Humphrey stated that a few weeks ago this was a most urgent subject but now the MBTA had provided for further rail service. He said that this subject is very important to some of our citizens, and he hoped that the Selectmen would offer their support for such a service in the future. It was decided to hold the letter for future action by the board.

Report given re: DPU meeting regarding repairs to be made on railroad property.

Mr. Hart then informed the board members of the conference that had taken place on July 24th, 1972 with representatives of the state DPU and of the Penn Central Railroad, and that repairs had been promised along the railroad railbed , and that locomotives would only travel at speeds of about twenty miles per hour along certain areas of the track, and at only ten miles per hour along the track near Chelmsford Center, where real estate properties are located close to the right of way.

Details formulated regarding plans for awards to be made for Anti-Litter Assistance.

An inquiry was received from the Chairman of the Anti Litter Committee, Mrs. Nancy L. Bue, regarding plans to be made for awarding certain business establishments for their help to reduce litter in public places. It was decided that it might be best to conduct such ceremonies at the shopping centers, perhaps on a Thursday evening, and that the Committee members or Chairman, should sign the award certificates, and that the Selectmen would cooperate and help pay the cost for framing the citation award certificates.

Town Counsel to study request, and prepare by-law for control of circulating handbills and advertising in certain public places.

Then a letter was read by the Chairman and which had been received from the J. M. Fields Company, at Parkhurst Road, in which a complaint was registered that advertising flyers and handbills had been placed on cars in their parking lot by persons who did not receive such permission, and the result was a need for extra clean-up work, and also the advertising related to stores selling similar products at another location. The maintenance manager inquired if the town could adopt certain regulations that would forbid such activity. Mr. Hart stated that it is too bad that such a practice has been followed, and he also cited the problem with this type of litter at church parking lots, and he expressed the thought that such practices should stop. Then Mr. Hart moved to have the Town Counsel assist to prepare a suitable by-law to regulate such practices, and to check the legality to prohibit the placing of handbills and or literature on cars. A discussion followed as to the proper wording of the motion, and it was decided to re-word same to control the unauthorized distribution of handbills and/or literature. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion as amended and it was voted unanimously.

Complaint received regarding problems with a dog. Subject to be investigated.

A letter was received from Mr. Paul J. Worthen, of 11 Reid Road, in which he registered a complaint against a dog owned by Mr. James Butler, of 9 Reid Road. The board discussed the subject briefly and decided to forward an inquiry to the Dog Officer to ask that he make an investigation, and submit a written report to the Selectmen about this case, to determine if a hearing is required or advisable, and to also notify Mr. Worthen of the steps that are now being taken since his letter was received.

Application received for storage of Odorless Mineral Spirits.

An application was received from Robert J. and Charlotte E. White, for the storage of 6,000 gallons of Odorless Mineral Spirits at property located at Littleton Road. On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Adm. Assist. to set up a hearing and advertise the application.

Procedure adopted for future Police Dept. Apmt.List

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to request the Director of Civil Service to place the names of persons who have resided in the Town of Chelmsford one year, immediately prior to the date of an examintion, ahead of those names of persons who are non residents of the town on future lists for appointments to the Police Force, per Police report received.

A letter was received from the Conservation Commission, together with new procedural information, for the processing of Applications for Land Fill projects, under the Hatch Act requirements. The new procedures appear to involve a certain amount of participation by the Planning Board, the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Humphrey suggested that the Town Counsel be requested to study the material and determine what part and extent of participation, these town boards will play in the processing of future applications. The board agreed to this suggestion.

Town Counsel requested to study new procedures re: Hatch Act Applications.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to approve and grant a transfer of a license to store gasoline and oils, with total capacity to be 25,300 gallons, from Tec Con, Inc., to J. Robert Ekstrom at 5 Drum Hill Road, due to new ownership, with the stipulation, as suggested by Mr. Humphrey, that the owner of the property not permit any sale of used cars on these premises, nor permit the parking of unregistered vehicles at this location. Mr. Markham commented that he favored the motion but if violations should exist, the proper authorities should be notified.

Transfer of Gasoline Storage License Granted with certain conditions.

A letter was received from the Historical Commission stating that they felt it would be now advisable for the town to give the old sprayer located in rear of the Center Town Hall to the Historical Society, to be displayed in their museum. It was decided to place the matter before the voters at a future town meeting to authorize the transfer of ownership of this town property to a private corporation, and to so notify the Histrocial Commission of these plans.

Article to be made up for Town Meeting to give Sprayer to Historical Society.

A letter was received from Victor R. Lee, of 3 Longmeadow Road, in which he complainted about a dog, which he considered dangerous, and owned by Mrs. Barbara Dawson of 5 Longmeadow Road. The board decided to seek a report from the Dog Officer, to determine what the next step should be. Suggestions were made that the Police Dept. investigate and that an inquiry be made of Mr. Lee to learn if he wants a hearing conducted on this matter. Mr. Coburn reported that efforts had been made by the Dog Officer to have the dog removed from the premises, and this might already have taken place. It was decided to determine the present status and then a decision would be made if a hearing is advisable.

Complaint received re: Dangerous Dog. Subject to be investigated.

A letter was received from Mr. Paul J. Lavoie of 56 Warren Avenue, in which he called attention to the dangers which presently exist with a sunken catch basin near his home, and that vehicles had nearly caused accidents in the past. It was decided to forward an inquiry to the Supt. of Streets to ask for a report of his plans to make improvements by raising the basin and to eliminate the potential dangers.

Complaint received re: sunken catch basin. Highway Dept. to investigate and forward a report.

A letter was received from Mr. Joseph M. Gutwein, Chairman Pro-Tem of the Committee to Study Liquid Waste Disposal Problems in which he inquired if the board would soon make the last two appointments to this committee. It was decided to take no action at the present time to name the two Members at Large, and that the board might consider this matter at the next meeting scheduled for August 21st, 1972. The press reporters were asked to give some publicity about this subject and to inform the public that the Selectmen now invite interested citizens to apply.

Discussion held re: appointments to Liquid Waste Disposal Study Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to appoint John J. Donovan, of 91 Dalton Road, aa an Auxiliary Police Officer to serve in an emergency, without pay from the town, after a recommendation had been received from the Police Chief.

Auxiliary Police Officer Appointed.

A letter with two copies of a map of the Greater Lowell Area, were received from the state Dept. of Public Works regarding their approval of Urban Area Extensions. It was decided to forward one set of the documents to the Town Clerk for her official files.

Urban Area Extension Maps received from DPW.

Request received for installation of curb to protect private property on Bartlett St.

A letter was received from Mr. Thomas J. Tevlin of 10 Bartlett Street, in which he called attention to the need for installing a bituminous curb or paved waterway along the front of his property from the driveway of the former Scoboria Property to the intersection of Acton Road, so that surface water from Bartlett Street, will not continually run off the road and erode lawned area of his property. The board agreed to instruct the St. Supt. to take proper corrective action to prevent future erosion from surface water and to inform Mr. Tevlin of these plans.

Application received and conference planned re: Class II Auto Dealer License.

An Application was received from Mr. Paul E. Boisvert, President of Boisvert Auto Sales, Inc., for a Class II Auto Dealer License for premises located at Wotton Street. It was decided to invite the applicant to meet with the board on Monday evening, August 21st, 1972, commencing at 9:00 P.M. to further discuss the application and the plans for use of these premises for this purpose.

Selectmen approve plan to have Planning Officer commence survey of all "Stop" signs for future validation.

A letter was received from the Police Chief regarding the board's request previously that a survey be conducted of all "Stop" signs in the town for the purpose of validating same, so that future enforcement of the regulation might be possible by the Police Officials. Chief Germann reported that such a survey would take a great deal of time and expense, as the survey requirements are involved and detailed, and he inquired as to the wisdom of expending such sums of money, and the services of the officers, for this work. He did suggest, however that persons in the Planning Department possibly could do some of this work. Mr. Hart moved, that the board adopt the suggestion of the Police Chief and have Planning Office personnel conduct the survey, to obtain a complete list of the locations of all such signs. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Mr. Markham commented that he belived the survey should eventually be planned for intersections where there has been a heavy accident history, and that the Planning Dept. should receive instructions from the Police Dept. for a proper interpretation of the criteria. Mr. Humphrey commented that a study had been made a long time ago and our files should contain some lists with recommendations from the the previous Police Chief. It was stated that the state DPW must eventually approve such "Stop" signs, and they in some cases might not concur with local recommendations. Mr. Markham stated that officials in the DPW may feel differently now that a new request is coming before them. It was also decided to inquire if such a survey and the work involved could come under the state "Topics" Program in order to assist the town. Mr. Lannan called for a vote on the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion to have the Planner's Office commence the survey work. It was also agreed that the Police Dept. should be informed of these plans.

Quality of loam to be studied before bids are called for removal of same.

A letter was received from the Supt. of Streets in which he reported that the loam which had been offered to the town by Alpha Development Corporation would be available for removal next week. Mr. Hart suggested that the board hold off on the call for bids until a study has been made as to the quality of the loam material. The board approved this suggestion and they will await this report.

Owner of property offers to make improvements to safeguard public.

A report was received from the Supt. of Streets in which he reported that the owner of land along Mill Road, had agreed to cut back a portion of an embankment so that stones will not fall upon the right of way. This investigation was made inasmuch as Mrs. Marilyn H. Cary of 3 Queen Street, had called attention to the possible danger to motorists and pedestrians. It was agreed to notify Mrs. Cary that the owner will make the necessary corrections.

Inquiry to be made re: use of Chapter 90 Funds.

New additional bids for the purchase of guard rail for installation along Boston Road, at a curve, where numerous accidents have occurred, were received and it was decided to inquire from the St. Supt. and Town Engineer if Chapter 90 funds could be used for purchase of such material.

Board considers Appmt. of Local UN Day Chm.

A letter was received from the Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, state Chairman of the UN Day Celebration planned for Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 1972, in which he asked the Selectmen to appoint a local Chairman so that an observance can be held in our town. It was decided to forward a request to the Town Celebration Committee to ask that they forward the name and address of a local chairman as their nominee for later action by the Selectmen.

Mr. Hart reported that the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee had scheduled a meeting for Monday evening, August 14th, 1972, commencing at 7:30 P.M. He asked that written notices be sent to each member to inform them about this meeting. Mr. Hart stated that now legal advice is needed from the Town Counsel to determine the extent of the work that can be contracted under the agreement to be signed for engineering services, and he asked that the contract also be sent to the Town Counsel to determine if it is in proper form. The board members agreed to these suggestions, and the subject will be forwarded along to the Town Counsel for his study and early reply.

Town Counsel requested to offer legal opinion and study contract for Crystal Lake Engineering Services.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to certify the application of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chelmsford Memorial Post #5990, located at 15 Mill Road, for a License to Operate a Game Commonly known as Beano at their premises. Fee collected for the state: $50.00

Application for Beano License certified.

Mr. Lannan then read the contents of a copy of a letter from the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, to the Health Director, stating that the state could not approve a variance in the no burning regulations, at the town dump, due to the emergency which has existed to dispose of material damaged by the recent Tornado. Mr. Lannan stated that this decision was a great disappointment to town officials, and since the decision had been received, the material has been separated, and efforts are now underway to cover the material as required by the regulations of the state.

State does not approve granting of special burning permit at Town Dump.

A letter with questionnaire was received from the Executive Director of the Group Insurance Commission with respect to the current group insurance plans for Health and Life coverages for town employees and retirees. It was decided to have the Insurance Advisory Committee assist with the completion of the questionnaire.

Group Ins. Questionnaire received.

A report was received from the Planner, Mr. Stephen W. Grunewald, with his recommendations for street lighting on streets accepted during 1972, and for miscellaneous requests received within the past few months. The board approved the installation of seventeen regular-type lights, and the Adm. Assist. was requested to prepare the authorization to order the lights.

Street Light Installations Approved.

A letter with bill for reimbursement of damages to a boy's bicycle, was received from Mrs. Arthur Calawa, of 6 Abbott Lane, in which she explained that her son had nearly been involved in an accident on July 30th, 1972, while riding his bicycle at Old Westford Road, and Arbutus Avenue, and in order to avoid being hit by a passing car, had traveled over a catch basin, and the rear wheel had become wedged in the basin cover, thus damaging the bicycle. Mrs. Calawa stated she was seeking a reimbursement of cost of repairs, in the amount of $28.60. It was decided to forward the claim to the Town Counsel for his study and decision.

Property Damage Claim referred to Town Counsel.

On a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was voted unanimously to establish the hours for voting for the State Primary scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th, 1972, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. A visitor asked at this point if the board would consider adopting a schedule of longer voting hours so that persons working long hours can have full opportunity to vote. The board considered the request and then decided to maintain the hours as voted.

Polling Hours Established for State Primary.

The Selectmen asked that the Adm. Assist. prepare a list of recommendations for the board to view relating to the filling of existing vacancies of Election Officers, and have such report available for Thursday, Aug. 10th, 1972, so that the members can consider the subject.

Recommendations to be made by Adm. Assist. for filling Election Officer vacancies.

Under the heading of new business, Mr. Lannan spoke about the subject of the recent Tornado and the resulting damage and he stated there is a definite need for a uniform plan and for setting up a central command center in the event of a future emergency. He suggested that the Civil Defense Committee

Future Emergency Plans discussed.

outline a plan for all types of emergencies and take steps to establish a command post at the Police Auxiliary Building. Mr. Walter Hedlund, a member of the Civil Defense Committee, was present and stated that the subject is being currently studied, and that installation of certain needed equipment would cost a substantial amount of money. He added that a command post center is being considered, and he wanted everyone to know that excellent cooperation had been received from all departments and the state Civil Defense Agency. He said that it might be advisable, and helpful, in the future to have the Police, Fire and Highway Departments all tied together for communications, and that a report with recommendations will come to the board later, with a request for funds to implement these plans. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Hedlund for the work done by him, and other Civil Defense Committee Members, and they expressed their appreciation for the long hours of work given by Mr. Hedlund and the committee members during and after the emergency period. Mr. Humphrey, in conclusion, explained that there was a Civil Defense Plan, used in the past, and all recorded in written form, and probably it should now be restudied and updated.

Discussion held regarding plans for Civil Defense Emergency Procedures for the future.

Variance required before earth material is removed from Crystal Lake Area.

Mr. Lannan, at this point called attention to the fact that the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee should keep in mind the requirement that a variance be obtained from the Board of Appeals before there is any removal of earth material from the lake bed area of Crystal Lake. Mr. Hart indicated that the Committee was aware of this requirement and they would keep the subject in mind.

Conference planned re: possible zoning violation.

Mr. Hart inquired if the board would not want to take some definite steps to resolve the problem of possible zoning violations at the property of Mr. Hall berg on Proctor Road, as reported to the board earlier by Edward and Alice Dryden. It was suggested that a conference might be advisable between both parties and the Building Inspector. Mr. Hart was asked to make arrangements for a future conference and then so notify the board. Mr. Hart agreed to do this.

Study to be made of Sidewalk Plans for 1972.

Mr. Hart asked the board what plans are being made for sidewalk installations this year and it was agreed that Mr. Lannan would now confer with Mr. Louis R. Rondeau, Supt. of Streets, to learn of plans that he might have on this subject.

Plans announced for Meeting of Playground Lighting Committee.

Mr. Hart announced that there will be a meeting of the Committee to Study Lighting for certain Playground Areas on Tuesday, August 8th, 1972, commencing at 7:30 P.M. so that projects can be outlined and plans given to the School Building Committee as promptly as possible. Mr. Hart asked that telephone calls be made to each member to inform them of the meeting date and time.

Adm. Assist. thanked for assistance given to Board Member.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Humphrey expressed his personal thanks to the Adm. Assist., Alfred H. Coburn, for the assistance and help given by Mr. Coburn to him through the many years of close business association. Mr. Humphrey stated that the help given had been of great value to him as a member of the board.

Survey to be made to improve traffic safety conditions on Park Road.

Mr. Doody asked that a request be forwarded to the Police Department, Traffic Division, to have a survey made of the area of Park Road, to determine where various traffic safety signs, such as "Slow - Children " type of warning sign should be placed. He stated that testimony was given at a recent liquor license application hearing for the Chelmsford Country Club, Inc. that there are dangers existing to children, and the board should now have the area surveyed. Other members of the board approved this suggestion to ask for a report from the Police Dept.

Discussion follows re: Tornado Damage Relief Work and help given the town by public officials.

Mr. Markham then spoke on the work done for Tornado Damage Relief and stated that efforts to have the U.S. Army assist the town in this work had come about through the cooperation and assistance of various legislaters He acknowledged that a kind offer of assistance had been received from Congresswoman Margaret Heckler, and her interest in our problems helped us gain the approval for these services of the US Army. Mr. Markham explained that contacts had also been made with Sen. Brooke and Sen. Kennedy for Army assistance and for help from the Small Business Adm. Agency. He said it was this coordinated help which brought success. Mr. Humphrey commented that Mrs. Heckler's voluntary help was remarkable and she should be commended inasmuch as she does not represent this district. Mr. Lannan said that so much help had come from so many persons and agencies that it would be most difficult to acknowledge the offers and assistance from so many persons.

Mr. Markham spoke at this point about the resignation of Alfred H. Coburn as Adm. Assistant, and he commented that the assistance given by Mr. Coburn to the Selectmen and to other town boards had been of great help, and he was disappointed that Mr. Coburn had not reconsidered his action and remained in his position. He offered his personal thanks to Mr. Coburn at this time. Mr. Markham then inquired if Mr. Coburn would remain as the Recording Clerk of the Board of Selectmen to attend future meetings and to continue to take the minutes of these meetings. He said his long years of experience and advice from time to time is needed, and he acknowledged that there is a definite need for additional permanent or temporary clerical assistance. Mr. Humphrey commented that complications might arise insofar as Mr. Coburn's retirement benefits are concerned, if he should continue as Recording Clerk. Mr. Coburn acknowledged that this could be a problem, but stated he would give the matter consideration.

Adm. Assist of Board of Selectmen requested to consider remaining as Recording Clerk for the Selectmen to keep records of future meetings.

Then on a motion by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Doody, it was voted unanimously to set aside a page in the official record of minutes of the meetings of the Board of Selectmen to honor and take recognition of the years of service of Alfred H. Coburn while assisting the various Boards of Selectmen through the years. Mr. Lannan was requested to prepare the wording for this citation, and he agreed to do so.

Selectmen vote to set aside page of minute book to honor Adm. Assistant.

Then Mr. Lannan opened this portion of the meeting to the reporters so that they could ask questions concerning the business of this meeting. Very few questions were asked at this time.

Reporters as questions.

Then Mr. Hart, moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 P.M. A unanimous vote followed.

Meeting Adjourns.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by A H Coburn
Adm. Assist.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Thursday, August 10th, 1972; 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Markham, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Lannan presided.

Members present.

Reporters from local newspapers were present as follows:
1. Anne Marie Kierce of the Chelmsford Newsweekly.
2. Jerry House of the Chelmsford Sentinel.
3. Gus Webster of the Lowell Sun.

Each reporter remained at the entire meeting until time of adjournment.

Reporters present.

On a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to lift the emergency that had been established on Friday, July 21st, 1972, as a result of the Tornado. All members of the board thanked the officials and men of the U.S. Army for their assistance and it was through their efforts that the emergency could be lifted at this time.

Selectmen vote to end period of emergency due to Tornado.

Mr. Humphrey asked for a full report from the Highway Supt. and Planning Dept. on the clean-up work yet to be accomplished. Also a report was requested from the Highway Supt. on his plans to accomplish the remaining work, and planned expenditures, including the hiring of six additional personnel; this hiring to be done through consultation with the Board of Selectmen. A report from the Town Accountant was also asked for to show the dollars spent on tornado and account balances. It was agreed that this information should be forwarded to the board.

Reports requested from Highway, Planning, and Accounting Depts.

Discussion follows and vote approved regarding further staffing of office of the Board of Selectmen.

Discussions then followed regarding the replacement for Mr. Coburn's position of Adm. Assist. A report was given by Mr. Lannan concerning a conference with members of the Finance Committee on July 27th, 1972. All members spoke on this subject and it was mentioned by Mr. Lannan that EEA funds could be used after Sept. 15th, 1972 for a new position. Following additional discussion, Mr. Humphrey moved, and Mr. Hart seconded the motion to establish two (2) full-time clerk positions at a rate of $2.56 per hour and to advertise for these two positions and request the Finance Committee for a transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund to support these positions. The motion was voted unanimously.

Board discusses changes in office facilities, and vote approved to re-activate the Town Hall Site Committee.

A discussion was held regarding physical changes to the Selectmen's Office, both upstairs and downstairs. Mr. Peter J. McHugh, Building Inspector, was present for the discussion. However, it was felt by the board that in view of the previous motion, that physical changes would not be necessary at this time. But some members of the board felt a new Town Hall was needed. Then on a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, it was voted unanimously to re-activate the Town Hall Site Committee.

Discussion held re: comments in newspaper of state official re: help given to Chelmsford after Tornado.

Then time was allowed to the press reporters to ask questions. A discussion centered around the comments of Mr. Saba's letter, as a representative of the Civil Defense Agency of the state, to Governor Francis W. Sargent that appeared in the press recently, and which related to his report concerning the state's assistance during and following the Tornado. Comments by all members present were made at this time.

Mr. Philip J. McCormack, Town Treasurer, was present to have the board members sign documents for new Bond Issue for further municipal borrowing.

Appointment of Election Officers

The board did act on the Appointment of Election Officers for the ensuing year, per following-listed roster. All terms to expire on August 15, 1973:

Precinct 1

Warden:	Helen E. George,	R
Dep. Wdn:	Mildred J. LaRock,	R
Clerk:	Gail A. Murray,	D
Dep. Clk:	Florence C. Redican,	D
Inspector:	Mary F. Beaubien,	D
Dep. Insp:	Carolyn R. Bennett,	R
Inspector:	Marjorie J. Linstad,	R
Dep. Insp:	Gertrude E. Burt,	D

Precinct 2

Warden:	Anna E. Cummings,	D
Dep. Wdn:	Jennie V. Lavell,	D
Clerk:	Jeanne L. McAndrew,	R
Dep. Clk:	Ella V. Catherwood,	R
Inspector:	Dora M. Tucke,	D
Dep. Insp:	Irene A. Shaughnessy,	D
Inspector:	Linda M. Stecchi,	I
Dep. Insp:	Marjorie L. Miller,	R

Precinct 3

Warden:	Grace L. Edwards,	R
Dep. Wdn:	Charlotte M. Loring,	R
Clerk:	Doris L. Lambert,	D
Dep. Clk:	Evelyn A. Greatorex,	D
Inspector:	Gladys I. Robey,	I
Dep. Insp:	Lorraine Jeffrey,	R
Inspector:	Helen Horan,	D
Dep. Insp:	Alice M. Draine,	I

Precinct 4

Warden:	Hilda Braga,	D
Dep. Wdn:	Margaret C. Kinnal,	D
Clerk:	Frances Varnum,	R
Dep. Clerk:	Cecilia F. Dix,	R
Inspector:	Edith A. Bindas,	D
Dep. Insp:	Anna E. Silva,	D
Inspector:	Ruth P. Lamprey,	R
Dep. Insp:	Esther F. Larsen,	R

Precinct 5

Warden:	Herman L. Purcell, Jr.	D
Dept. Wdn:	Grace C. Auger,	D
Clerk:	Evelyn M. Philbrook,	R
Dep. Clk:	Alice B. Dryden,	R
Inspector:	Alice A. Armistead,	R
Dep. Insp:	Laura B. Anderson,	R
Inspector:	Linda M. Reid,	I
Dep. Insp:	Judith A. Fennell,	I

Precinct 6

Warden:	Sabina J. Hansbury,	D
Dep. Wdn:	Pauline M. Gorham,	D
Clerk:	Viola B. Cochrane,	R
Dep. Clerk:	Marion M. Bennett,	R
Inspector:	Helen G. McGillivray,	R
Dep. Insp:	Katherine F. Brown,	R
Inspector:	Mary E. White,	D
Dep. Insp:	Helen F. Crafts,	D

Election Officers Appointed.

Precinct 7

Warden:	Alice E. Scharn,	D
Dep. Wdn:	Doris A. Crowe,	D
Clerk:	Gladys H. Devno,	R
Dep. Clk:	Evelyn B. Gosselin,	R
Inspector:	Anita M. Camacho,	D
Dep. Insp:	Anna M. Thomas,	D
Inspector:	Catherine A. Tucke,	R
Dep. Insp:	Ethel Booth,	R

Precinct 8

Warden:	Elizabeth E. Drapeau,	R
Dep. Wdn:	Isabel K. Lambert,	R
Clerk:	Rose J. O'Brien,	D
Dep. Clk:	Virginia A. Cooney,	D
Inspector:	Dolores E. McGuire,	D
Dep. Insp:	William A. Knox,	R
Inspector:	V. Edna Hedlund,	I
Dep. Insp:	Rita M. Gamache,	R

Precinct 9

Warden:	Emily A. Peake,	D
Dep. Wdn:	Margaret C. Fox,	D
Clerk:	Pauline R. Shore,	R
Dep. Clk:	Lillian E. Marchand,	R
Inspector:	Valerie Dodge,	I
Dep. Insp:	Fred R. Corfield,	R
Inspector:	Marylin West,	R
Dep. Insp:	Beryl M. LeBlanc,	D

Precinct 10

Warden:	Irma D. Stanton,	R
Dep. Wdn:	Allen R. Bennett,	R
Clerk:	Patricia A. DeFazio,	D
Dep. Clk:	Mary M. Veino,	D
Inspector:	Cynthia Ryder,	D
Dep. Insp:	Frances M. Williams,	I
Inspector:	Nathalie I. Cannavo,	R
Dep. Insp:	Frances S. deJager,	R

Precinct 11

Warden:	Bessie Alexion	D
Dep. Wdn:	Mary E. McCarthy,	D
Clerk:	Dorothy E. Adamczyk,	R
Dep. Clk:	Margaret M. Fletcher,	R
Inspector:	Rosemary Kludjian,	D
Dep. Insp:	Pauline Pudvelis,	D
Inspector:	James C. Mello,	R
Dep. Insp:	Ruth E. Osberg,	R

Precinct 12

Warden:	Shirley S. Wilson,	R
Dep. Wdn:	Natalie G. McDermott,	R
Clerk:	Thelma J. Calawa,	D
Dep. Clk:	Doris L. Connolly	D
Inspector:	Elizabeth A. Smith,	R
Dep. Insp:	Kathleen K. Daggett,	R
Inspector:	Catherine A. Pounder,	D
Dep. Insp:	Irene A. McHugh,	D

Meeting adjourns.

Then Mr. Hart, moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the board vote to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. The vote was unanimous.

For the Board of Selectmen,
by Thomas F. Markham, Jr.,
Clerk

License Granted.

On Thursday, August 17th, 1972 the board granted a Temporary Wines and Malt Beverages License to the South Chelmsford Gun & Rod Club, Inc., at 160 Mill Road, for Sunday, August 27th, 1972. Fee: $0.50

For the Board of Selectmen
by
Adm. Assist.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, August 21st, 1972: 7:30 P.M.

Members Present

Mr. Lannan, Chairman, Mr. Hart, Mr. Doody and Mr. Markham were present. Mr. Humphrey was unable to attend due to personal obligations. Mr. Lannan presided.

Reporters Present

Members of the news media were present as follows:

1. Chelmsford Newsweekly: Ann Marie Kierce and Photographer, Patrick Manning, arrived at 7:10P.M.
2. Lowell Sun: Mr. Gus Webster arrived at 7:25 P. M.
3. Chelmsford Sentinel: Mr. Jerry House, and Photographer, Mr. Cave, arrived at 7:25 P.M. All reporters remained at meeting until adjournment at 10:55 P.M. Photographers departed after Little League presentation.

Little League presentation of ticket

At 7:30 a ceremony was held where Robert Leyman from Little League presented Mr. Lannan with the first ticket for the Little League Dance to be held on

September 16th, 1972. Photographer from Newsweekly and Sentinel took picture of presentation.

Schedule for Sept. Sel. Meetings

At 7:30 P.M. Mr. Lannan called the meeting to order. He then read the schedule for the September meeting dates for the Selectmen as follows: Wednesday, September 6th, 1972 at 7:30, Monday, September 11th, 1972 at 7:30P.M., Monday September 18th, 1972, at 7:30 P.M., and September 25th, 1972, at 7:30 P.M. It was voted unanimously to accept these dates for the meetings during September.

Petition for four (4) poles on Cambridge Street.Hearing not set until further study.

A petition from New England Telephone and Mass. Electric Co. was received and read by Mr. Lannan for two (2) poles to be located on Cambridge Street, from approximately 80 feet southwest of Boston Road, southwesterly; and two (2) poles located on Cambridge Street, from approximately 931 feet southwest of Boston Road, southwesterly. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve this, which was seconded by Mr. Doody, but it was then decided to postpone a hearing until the matter was studied further.

Dog Complaint Trivers vs. Kehoe. Hearing set.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from Mr. Peter Trivers, with a complaint against two dogs owned by Vincent Kehoe, Jr. of Old Westford Road. Mr. Trivers has asked for a hearing in his letter. A letter was sent to Mr. Frank Wojtas asking him to investigate this matter. Mr. Wojtas' answer to our Letter was that he could not get in touch with Mr. Trivers. Then Mr. Wojtas went to see Mr. Kehoe, owner of the dogs, and he told Mr. Wojtas that he keeps the dogs in a kennel every night from 11:00 P.M.. Mr. Wojtas recommendation was that he feels a hearing is necessary. Mr. Hart made a motion , seconded by Mr. Doody, to hold a hearing. Thus the hearing was set for September 6th, 1972, at 9:00 P.M. It was voted unanimous for this time and date. A letter was then requested to be sent to Mr. Kehoe informing him of this hearing, with a copy forwarded to Mr. Peter Trivers.

Resignation of Mrs. Drapeau as Warden from Prec. 8.

A letter was received and read by Mr. Lannan of the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Drapeau, an Election Officer as Warden for Precinct 8. Mrs. Drapeau sent her letter of resignation to the Selectmen on August 14th, 1972, and it was accepted at this meeting. She is selling her home and moving away from Chelmsford. It was suggested by all the Selectmen that a letter be sent to Mrs. Drapeau in appreciation for her work and effort as Warden. The letter was to be signed by all Selectmen.

Petition for sidewalks to be installed on both sides of North road from Rt.495 to Rotary 3

A petition containing some 90 signatures from residents of North Road, Gregory Road, Rainbow Avenue, Davis Road, North Gate Road, and Longview Drive, was received by the Selectmen and read by Mr. Lannan. It was in regard to the safety of pedestrians who walk along North Road. Their request is that consideration be given to installing sidewalks on both sides of North Road from Route 495, north, to the Route 3 rotary. It was suggested by the Board to forward a copy of the petition and a letter to Mr. Rondeau, Supt. of Streets asking him for his comments and recommendations regarding this matter.

Auxiliary Pol. John Hibbard member revoked.

A letter was read from Sgt. Walter Edwards of the Chelmsford Police Department, recommending that the appointment of John Hibbard of 15 Manning Road, East Chelmsford, as a member of the Chelmsford Auxiliary Police be revoked as of August 14th, 1972. Mr. Hart voted to accept this, seconded by Mr. Doody. It was voted unanimously by the members.

Donahue & Donahue letter re: drainage and increase size of culvert onto Chelms. St.

A letter was read by Mr. Lannan from Mr. Joseph P. Donahue, Jr. of Donahue & Donahue law offices of 21 George Street, Lowell, Mass. stating that Mr. Donahue, Jr. was representing Mr. Raymond Cayre. The letter stated that due to the construction of homes on Manahan Street and Chelmsford Street, as well as the construction of the proposed mall, it is now necessary to increase provisions for drainage in the area. and increase the size of the culvert under the Penn Central Railroad. It was also stated that all costs which may be incurred in connection with carrying out this agreement would be paid by Mr. Carye. The Board then agreed to send a letter to Town Counsel asking him to make a study of this subject and to forward to the board his comments and recommendations.

A bid for the installation of three (3) air conditioners for the Town Hall was awarded to E. A. Wilson Company of 700 Broadway, Lowell, Mass., at a cost of $745.00. The company of E.A.Wilson offers more BTU'S output in each unit and their bid was the lowest. Mr. Peter McHugh, Jr. estimates that it will cost $160.00 for installation of these three units. Mr. Lannan asked that a motion be make to accept this bid; Mr. Hart moved to accept the bid, the motion being seconded by Mr. Doody, and voted unanimously to accept the bid from E.A. Wilson Co. Mr. Lannan then asked that Mr. Robert Olson, the Purchasing Agent be notified of this, and to make arrangements for delivery of these air conditioners.

Bid for (3) air conditioner for Town Hall to E.A.Wilson of Lowell.

Application was read by Mr. Lannan from James C. Harrington of 37 Central Square, to re-locate his Package Store to 18 Boston Road. This was the second application that was submitted by Mr. Harrington. Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doody that Public Hearing be conducted on September 11th, 1972 at 8:00P.M. with Mr. Harrington on his re-application. It was also stated that a letter be sent to Mr. Harrington informing him of this date and time of the hearing, and that it be advertised in the three newspapers. Also, Mr. Doody asked that a letter be sent to James L. Jr., and Roberta A. Wooster asking them if they intend to re-submit their application for an All Alcoholic Package Goods Store License after April 1st, 1973, and if so, will it be at the same location as was stated on their original application. The Board agreed unanimously on both of these things.

James C. Harrington, re-application on re-location of package store.

Mr. Lannan then discussed the offer of loam from Alpha Construction Corporation, Mr. Raymond Carye to be used for the shopping center off Chelmsford Street. Mr. Hart explained it would be the best interest to the Town not to use this loam. The appropriated money $15,000, by the Town's people for the trucking of the loam, would now be returned to our surplus account. It was suggested then to send a letter to Mr. Carye of Alpha Construction Corp., informing him of the Boards decision with a copy being sent to the Highway Department.

Denial use of loam from Alpha Const.

Mr. Lannan then discussed a report from the Department of Public Works regarding the proposed Area Wide Topics Program for Area #92 submitted by Tibbits, Abbott, McCarthy and Stratton. Project One would cost in the vicinity of $320,000.00 with no cost to the Town. The State would pay for everything, but the Town is responsible for any landtaking necessary, and for maintanence once the project is completed. Project One would include Route 3, Chelmsford Square, Hunt Road, Chelmsford Street, Billerica Road. The board concurred with Project One and Mr. Doody explained it was an outstanding job. Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doody, on this Project. Mr. Lannan then stated he would like the Department of Public Works commended on the well done job, and to continue on with the work. This letter was to be signed by all Selectmen.

DPW Topics Program, Project one

The Crystal Lake contract with the engineering firm of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc. was signed by Mr. Lannan, Mr. Hart, Mr. Markham and Mr. Doody. Mr. Humphrey did not sign as he was absent from the meeting. The work to be done on the restoration of the lake would be separate from the rebuilding of the dam. At this time the total expense would be $6,000.00. Mr. Lannan read a letter from Mr. Edmund Polubinski, Chairman of the Crystal Lake Restoration Committee, dated August 18th, 1972, and also a letter received from Mr. Richard W. Albrecht of Fay, Spofford, & Thorndike, Inc. dated

Signing of contract for Crystal Lake engineering firm.

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Conference with Eugene F. Lohnes of Princeton Auto Sales requesting an unlimited Class II Auto Dealer License.

At 8:00 P.M. a conference was held with Mr. Eugene F. Lohnes, President of the Princeton Auto Sales, Inc., and the Selectmen, regarding his request for an unlimited Class II Auto Dealers License. Mr. Lohnes explained he has more land now and wants to increase his license from 15 cars to 25 cars. Mr. Hart asked Mr. Lohnes what type of cars he sold, to which he answered 1968, 1969, and 1970 year old cars, and he also stated he has two full time employees. Mr. Lohnes stated that he received his first Auto dealers license in September 22, 1969. Mr. Lohnes stated that he has 25 cars on his lot as of now, to which Mr. Doody stated that his license only allotted him 15 cars on his lot, and with him having 25 he is in violation of his license now. Mr. Markham asked Mr. Lohnes with the display area in front of the building, about how many cars could be on the lot without being to confining, to which Mr. Lohnes' answer was about 30 cars in the winter and 40 in the summer.. Mr. Markham them asked Mr. Lohnes with the property he has of now, how many cars does he feel he could have on the property now, to which Mr. Lohnes was 30 to 40 cars, with the cars in back being used for parts. Mr. Markham asked are the cars for sale even though they are stripped of parts, and what cars are not for sale, to which Mr. Lohnes answered cars that have been in accidents, but will be repaired in order to be sold. Mr. Doody then confirmed Mr. Lohnes earlier statement that there are 25 cars in the front of the property and additional cars in the back. He asked if Mr. Lohnes had a plan to show the board of the expanded lot, and he said he didnt. Mr. Hart made a motion to change Mr. Lohnes' license to 30 cars, but no more. Mr. Lannan said he could not vote in favor of this as Mr. Lohnes has been in violation of his present license. Mr. Markham then asked Mr. Lohnes when he acquired this additional land and at what point did he go beyond the 15 car limit, to which Mr. Lohnes answered he didn't know, maybe two months, that his inventory goes up and down. Mr. Doody said he could not second Mr. Harts motion to grant an unlimited license and he suggested that Mr. Lohnes withdraw his application without prejudice, and go within the limit of his original license of 15 cars. Mr. Markham stated he could not second the motion either, and stated the application should be withdrawn without prejudice, and possibly in a reasonable amount of time, the board may reconsider, but as of now he is restricted to 15 cars only. Mr. Lohnes said he would withdraw his application without prejudice. Mr. Markham voted on this, seconded by Mr. Doody. It was then suggested by the board that a letter be sent to the Building Inspector, Mr. Peter J. McHugh, Jr. to survey this area and make periodic inspections to see if Mr. Lohnes does keep within the 15 car limit, and inform the board of this from time to time as the amount of cars on the lot.

Town Hall Site Comm.

In regard to the Town Hall Site Committee, Mr. Lannan stated that all former members had been contacted, but the board had so far not heard from all of them.

Installation of Guard Rail along section of Boston Rd.

A letter was then read from Mr. Rondeau of the Highway Department regarding the installation of a guard rail along a section of Boston Road. Mr. Rondeau has checked with the Town Engineer that the maintenance and construction contracts under Chapter 90 have been signed and the money totaling $710.00 has been allocated to North Road and Acton Road. A motion was made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody to proceed with this work. It was voted unanimously to notify the Supt. of Streets, Mr. Rondeau to proceed with this work.

Replacement of street sign on Cathy Road

A letter was then read from Mr. Rondeau regarding a request from Dr. & Mrs. Eric Sheldon of 38 Cathy Road for the replacement of a street sign and installing of a sidewalk and curb at their property on the corner of Cathy Road and Thomas Drive. Mr. Rondeau stated that the sign has been replaced. In regard to the sidewalk, Mr. Rondeau said he checked with the Town Engineer and was informed that this section of Thomas Drive was under a previous developer whose development was approved in 1959. At that time, the Planning Board stated they did not need sidewalks. The board then requested that this be kept for further study at a future meeting.

A report was then read from Mr. Rondeau of the Highway Department regarding the tornado damage clean-up work. Mr. Rondeau stated that he hired six additional men to help in the clean-up work. The cost for labor was $8,870.00: Buldozer operating at dump, $400.00: and hired equipment, $18,920.00, making it a total of $28,190.40. Mr. Doody asked if the clean-up work had been done on the property of Mr. Klonel , 21 Adams Street. Mr. Lannan said that work had been taken care of. Mr. Doody asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Rondeau asking him if the roof had been removed from Mr. Klonel's yard.

Report on Tornado damage cost.

Mr. Markham then asked if the Town had been dumping on private property at Swain Road. Mr. Lannan said the Town Engineer had made a check on this question, and it was his opinion that the town was infringing on private property. Mr. Abrahamson and several members of his family residing at 177-179 Groton Road stated that tree stumps have been dumped on their land. Mr. Lannan told him that the Town Engineer has to establish bounds of all land taken and used, and that no action can be taken until this has been done. Mr. Abrahamson then asked where the bounds for the dump are. Mr. Markham stated at a subsequent meeting to have a report from the owners of the land stating if the debris has been removed and land restored. Mr. Lannan said nothing can be decided until the Town Engineer sends to the Selectmen his reports and recommendations.

Dumping Debris on private property Town Eng. to check this.

At 8:30 P.M. a public hearing was held for storage of Odorless Mineral Spirits per application of Robert J. and Charlotte E. White at 299 Littleton Road. The license applied for was for 6,000 gallons (one tank) underground) to be used for printing and copying needs. Mr. Robert J. White was at the hearing. He stated that all the abutters had been notified, and the approval of Chief Frederick Reid had been received. Mr. White stated that the tank would be on the side of the building. Mr. Doody said would it be used in ditto machines, where Mr. White said that it would. Mr. White said the spirits would be pumped from the tank into the building and then bottled and sold. Mr. Markham asked was it to be used by Apex Chemical. Mr. White said nothing would be sold on the property; it would be packaged and shipped out. An abutter questioned if there would be any seepage into town water underground, to which Mr. White stated there would not. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the application seconded by Mr. Doody, it was then voted unanimously by the board to grant the License to Robert J. & Charlotte E. White.

Hearing on application of Robert J. & Charlotte E. White to store underground, odorless mineral spirits.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from the Department of Corporations and Taxation, in answer to a letter written to them by the Selectmen regarding the revaluation of real estate property, and if the town would stand to loose State aid. The letter from the Dept. of Corp. & Taxation stated that in certain instances, losses in State Aid have resulted, but the losses that do occur are in the area of School Aid. There was no comment made on this letter.

Dept.ofCorp. &Tax. re: revaluation

A letter was then read by Mr. Lannan which was received from Atty. Clement McCarthy, Town Counsel regarding the separation of work of Board of Selectmen and Licensing Board. Mr. Doody stated that Chapter 138, paragraph #1 of the state laws gives the licensing authority to the Selectmen. Atty. McCarthy, in his letter stated that under Chapter 138, section four, it does provide for the creation of a licensing board by only in cities. He also stated in his opinion that a special statute can establish in Chelmsford a liquor licensing board separate from the Board of Selectmen. In the Selectmen's letter to Town Counsel, Mr. Doody stated that he would like an answer to the following paragraph: "If such a separation of these duties is possible, please submit details as to the proper procedures to be followed to accomplish the change. Also, the board inquires if the licensing board members should be elected or appointed. It now appears advisable that such a study be made and advice be given to learn if a

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separate licensing authority can be established." It was suggested a letter be sent to Town Counsel asking him to answer this question for the Selectmen. Mr. Markham stated if Charter Commission might be able to incorporate these changes, and can the Charter Commission do this without going through legistation. Mr. Doody made the statement that it was more important now to get this information from Town Counsel. Mr. Markham made the statement if the licensing board could be elected under the Charter Commission.

Slow-Children signs to be erected:150 ft. in from Acton Rd. and 200 ft. in from Proctor Rd.

A letter was read from the Safety Officer John J. Bell of the Police Department stating that a survey was made on Park Road for the purpose of erecting "Slow-Children" signs. After this survey was made it was recommended that signs be erected approximately 150 feet in from Acton Road and the other sign approximately 200 feet in from Proctor Road. Mr. Doody made a motion to have these signs erected, seconded by Mr. Hart, and it was voted unanimously by the board. Mr. Lannan then said to write a letter to the Supt. of Streets with the instructions for the installation of these signs.

Erecting of safety signs on Locke Rd. and Westford St. and Walnut St.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter received from the Police Department, from the Safety Officer, John J. Bell, regarding the erectingof signs on Locke Road. The recommendation was as follows:

1. Two "Slow-Children" signs, one to be erected in the area of 41 Locke Road the other to be erected on Locke Road, approximately 100 feet in from Westford Street.
2. Two "Thickly Settled" signs one in the area of 41 Locke Road, the other approximately 150 feet in on Locke Road from Westford Street.
3. One "Stop" sign on Davis Road at the intersection of Locke Road.

The "No Thru Trucking" signs were posted on Locke Road at one time, and would not be any problem to replace them. Officer Bell did not feel a "Stop" sign was necessary at Locke and Walnut Roads, that vision was sufficient at this intersection. A motion was made by Mr. Markham to accept these recommendations and seconded by Mr. Hart, so voted unanimously to have these signs erected. Mr. Lannan then asked that Mr. Rondeau be informed of this and take the necessary steps to have these signs erected.

Return of Liquor lic. applications, may re-apply in April 1973.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from Town Counsel in answer to our letter regarding the returning of liquor licenses. In the opinion of Town Counsel, the board can legally return liquor license applications. The board made no comment to this letter. Mr. Markham did ask if the board should discuss an application that has been received in the office.Any application that comes in should be brought to the meeting, and then returned such as Town Counsel states. It should have the attention of the Board. Mr. Lannan said the Board must accept the application, then return such application under power of the board, stating that applicant not submit application until April of 1973.

Accepted Resignation of Charles D. Harvey from Police Dept.

A letter was received from Charles D. Harvey of the Police Department submitting his resignation effective as of September 13th, 1972, as a regular patrolman. His reasons were personal. Mr. Hart made the motion to accept the resignation secomded by Mr. Markham, voted unanimously to accept. Mr. Markham and Mr. Hart said they accepted this resignation with regret stating that Officer Harvey had been a creit to the Police Force. It was then suggeted by the board to write a letter to Charles Harvey acknowledging his service and extend their best wishes for future endeavors.

Conference with Mr. Paul E. Boisvert on application for Class II Auto Dealer License.

At 9:00 P.M. a conference with Mr. Paul E. Boisvert was held regarding his application for a Class II Auto Dealer License, to be located on Wotton Street North Chelmsford. He is applying for an unlimited car license. He now operates a repair and body shop in Lowell. Mr. Boisvert then showed the Selectmen plans of the location in which he would operate. He stated also he would be the president of the corporation. Mr. Hart asked if the building would be to display cars; Mr. Boisvert's answer being no. Mr. Hart then asked does the land need any filling, to which the answer was it is being filled now.

Mr. Doody then asked Mr. Boisvert in his business now are there cars being repaired in a body shop or are they being junked. Mr. Boisvert answered that there were about four or five cars on the premises now. Mr. Markham then asked the question if Mr. Boisvert was interested in the used car business, and did he want to transfer his operation from Lowell to Chelmsford. Mr. Boisvert said he now had about 50 cars in his present lot, and has a Class II license for the past two years in the city of Lowell. Mr. Lannan asked Mr. Boisvert if his principle business was buying and selling of second hand cars, the answer being yes, also Mr. Lannan asked has he had any motor violations to which the answer was no. Mr. Lannan then asked the board if they wished to take any action at this time. Mr. Doody made a motion to grant a Class II Auto Dealers License with a limit to 15 cars. He also stated that there must be a restriction on the amount of cars in a lot. Mr. Hart opposed the motion made by Mr. Doody, his reasons being that there would be a traffic problem at Wotten Street which would be hazardous, and also there would be a drainage problem. Mr. Markham then asked the board would it consider Mr. Boisvert moving his business to the town, which would establish more tax to the town; also Mr. Boisvert has a good record in Lowell, and that he, Mr. Markham could agree with expanding the amount of cars to twenty five or thirty, and that the man should be welcomed to the town. Mr. Doody agreed that he is in favor of young people setting up a business in the town, but if this man is allowed to expand over the 15 car limit, all the other business with a 15 car limit license will want to expand their license to having more cars. Mr. Doody's opinion is for Mr. Boisvert to begin with a 15 car license, and he made a motion to grant this. Mr. Lannan agreed with Mr. Hart's opinion, and he does not agree with additional tax to the town. He stated Mr. Boisvert's business in Lowell is successful, and the location is not suitable in Town on Wotten Street. He feels it is wrong to grant this license. Mr. Lannan and Mr. Hart made the motion to deny this application. Mr. Doody moved to grant the license with 15 cars. Mr. Markham stated he would like to see this person move his business to this town. He does not feel that there would be a traffic problem, and he hopes sometime that the board would welcome this person to the town. He then asked Mr. Boisvert if he would withdraw his application without prejudice, and at sometime in the future, re-submit another application. Mr. Markham made the motion to have Mr. Boisvert withdraw application with prejudice, seconded by Mr. Doody, and voted unanimously. Mr. Boisvert said he would withdraw, but added that he once was a resident of Chelmsford and that he would re-apply in the future for another Class II Auto Dealers License.

Application for Class II Auto Dealers License denied.

At 9:20 a conference was held with the Town Accountant, Mr. Arnaud Blackadar, Town Treasurer, Mr. Philip J. McCormack, and Mr. Richard Buinan, of the State Street Bank and Trust of Boston, to discuss the bond ussuance for the new high school. The town is authorized to issue up to $10,240,000.00 in bonds to cover the cost of the new school. The State Street Bankis the authorizing agent for the town in this matter. Mr. Guinan presented the board with several interest rate figures on the bonds. The Town can issue the bonds for a ten, or fifteen or twenty year period, but the shorter the term, the lower the interest rate. The present rates would be 4½%for ten years, 4 3/4 % for fifteen years, and 5% for twenty years. Under the present laws, the state would bear 65% of the costs including interest. This means that the town would pay a total interest of $4,470,000for ten years, $4,943,000for fifteen years, and $5,455,000 for a twenty year period. The final decision on length of time and whether to borrow the full amount at one time rests with the board. The Board must give its final approval before the State Street Bank put the bonds out for sealed bid. Mr. Doody stated that the Capital Planning and Budget Committee to review this, and then come back to the board with their comments and recommendations. Mr. Guinan stated that it would take about two months from the time the board made the final decision until the time the town received the money. Mr. Doody suggested the board make the decision for September 18th, 1972, after conferring with the Capital Planning and Budget Committee. Mr. Guinan then said he must know whether to borrow the entire amount or split the amount. Mr. Lannan then asked the board if they were in favor of meeting with the Capital Planning Board. Mr. Markham suggested that the Finance Committee, the School Building Committee have some input in the future plans. Mr. Doody stated that the Capital Planning and Budget Committee meet either on the 5th or 7th of September. The board then thanked Mr. Blackadar, Mr. McCormack and Mr. Guinan for coming and discussing this with them.

Request for block party on Amble Rd. Sept. 16, 1972

A letter was read from Mrs. John B. Satman, of 27 Amble Road requesting permission to close a section of Amble Road, from number 18 to number 22 for the holding of a block party on September 16th, 1972, between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. The board received the approval of the Fire Department and the Police Department. A motion was made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Doody, and voted unanimously to the granting of the block party on Amble Road. Mr. Lannan then asked that Mr. Rondeau be informed of this so that suitable barriers may be provided for.

Vacancies in law enforcement within next five years cannot be determined by Police Chief.

Mr. Lannan then read a letter from the Police Chief Robert E. Germann, in answer to an inquiry from the Division of Civil Service of anticipated vacancies in the Law Enforcement Positions in the towns police department over the next five years. Chief German stated that due to the rapid growth of the town , and the anticipated rapid growth within the next five years, it would be impossible to estimate the manpower of the Police Department that far in advance. Mr. Lannan then asked that a copy of Chief German's letter of August 21st, 1972 to the Selectmen, be sent to Mrs. Mabel A. Campbell, Division of Civil Service, State House, Boston, Mass. It was also asked that a letter from the Selectmen be forwarded to the Division of Civil Service, with a copy to be sent to the Police Department.

Appointment of Merrill E. Anderson to Comm.to Study Liquid Waste.

A letter was read from the Sewer Commissioner, Joseph M. Gutwein, stating that on the Committee to study disposal of liquid waste, there was a vacancy. The Selectmen appointed Merril E. Anderson of 7 Sierra Drive, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Hart made a motion to accept this appointment, seconded by Mr. Markham.

Report of washout of town easement at 29 Charlemont Court.

Mr. Lannan then asked the board members if there was any new business they wished to discuss. Mr. Hart stated he did not have any. Mr. Doody said he would like Mr. Rondeau notified of a washout of town easement at 29 Charlemont Court, at the home of Mr. William P. Murray. There seems to be a rather large hole over the pipe line which extends down quite deep. Mr. Doody said it is hazardous to small children in the area. He asked that Mr. Rondeau be notified to correct this situation and report back to the Selectmen. A letter was forwarded to Mr. Rondeau informing him of this situation.

New business review appl. for Adm.Assist. Position. & reschedule Town Site Comm. meeting.

Mr. Markham stated that being Mr. Humphrey was not at this meeting it would be best to postpone the meeting with the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer regarding utilizing space available in the Town Hall. He suggested the meeting be rescheduled for September 6th, 1972. Mr. Lannan requested that a meeting be scheduled with all members present to review the applicants for the Adm. Assist. position on Monday August 28th, 1972. He asked that information of these be posted on the Town Hall Bulletin board. It was suggested that notices of this meeting be sent to Mary St.Hilaire, Charles House, Philip McCormack, Peter J. McHugh, Jr. and Stephen Grunewald. Also where Mr. Humphrey was not at this meeting, it was suggested that he be also notified so he may plan to attend.

Req: report from Town Counsel on ABCC hearing

Mr. Markham asked that either a verbal report or a written report be received from Town Counsel regarding the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission hearings where he represented the Board of Selectmen, on August 1st, 1972. A letter will be sent to Mr. McCarthy asking him of this request.